

notice, demand, or action brought: *And provided further*, That if the proper official or board of any such State, county, or municipality shall within such time limit, notify the Secretary of War that said State, county, or municipality desires to exercise such option but has not the money available with which to make the payment, then said land or such part thereof as may have been separately designated shall be held for sale to such State, county, or municipality for a period not to exceed two years from the date of such notification: *Provided further*, That where any of the lands referred to in section 1 are now under lease or license to any State for National Guard purposes, the State shall have the right to purchase said lands at their appraised value, and after purchase may sell any part of such lands as in the opinion of the Secretary of War may not be needed for the use of the National Guard of such State: *And provided further*, That the sale of Fort Gaines, Alabama, authorized to be sold under the Act of June 4, 1924, may be consummated under the provisions of this section at any time prior to the public sale thereof as provided in said Act.

Extension of time for payment by State, etc.

Lands used by State National Guard.

Fort Gaines, Ala. Sale to be consummated. Vol. 43, p. 383.

SEC. 8. Six months after the date of the notification of said appraisal, if the option given in section 7 hereof shall not have been exercised in the manner herein specified, or after receipt by the Secretary of War of notice that the State, county, and municipality do not desire to exercise the option herein granted, the Secretary of War may sell or cause to be sold each of said properties at public sale at not less than the appraised value thereof, after advertisement in such manner as he may direct.

Disposal at auction if option not exercised.

SEC. 9. The expenses of appraisal, survey, advertising, and all expenses incident to the sale of the property hereinbefore authorized for disposition shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale of any of the properties sold under this Act: *Provided*, That no auctioneer or person acting in said capacity shall be paid a fee for the sale of said property in excess of \$100 a day.

Expenses of appraisal, etc., from proceeds of sale.

Proviso.
Auctioneer fee.

SEC. 10. A full report of all transfers and sales made under the provisions of this Act shall be submitted to Congress by the Secretary of War upon the consummation thereof.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 11. Hereafter if any real property acquired for military purposes becomes useless for such purposes, the Secretary of War is directed to report such fact to Congress in order that authorization for its disposition in accordance with this Act may be granted.

Report hereafter of useless property.

SEC. 12. The authority granted by this Act repeals all prior legislative authority granted to the Secretary of War to sell or transfer any of the reservations herein designated.

Previous authorizations repealed.

Approved, March 12, 1926.

CHAP. 56.—Joint Resolution To regulate the expenditure of the appropriation for Government participation in the National Sesquicentennial Exposition.

March 15, 1926.
[H. J. Res. 197.]
[Pub. Res., No. 8.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the appropriation made in the first deficiency Act, fiscal year 1926, to enable the Government of the United States to participate in the National Sesquicentennial Exposition, may be expended for the purposes enumerated in that Act without regard to the provisions of any other Act relating to the expenditure of public moneys or the employment of personal services, on the certificate of the National Sesquicentennial Exhibition Commission that the materials or services were necessary to enable the United States Government to participate in said exposition: *Provided*, That this authority shall not be construed to waive the submission of accounts and vouchers to the General Accounting Office for audit.

National Sesquicentennial Exposition. Expenditures of, on certificate of Commission allowed. *Ante*, p. 194.

Proviso.
Auditing of accounts.

Approved, March 15, 1926.

March 16, 1926.
[S. 1343.]
[Public, No. 46.]

CHAP. 57.—An Act For the relief of soldiers who were discharged from the Army during the World War because of misrepresentation of age.

Army.
Soldiers discharged for fraudulently misrepresenting age on enlisting during World War, may be considered honorably discharged.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the administration of any laws conferring rights, privileges, or benefits upon honorably discharged soldiers of the United States Army, their widows and dependent children, a soldier who was enlisted between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, both dates inclusive, and who was discharged for fraudulent enlistment on account of misrepresentation of his age, shall hereafter be held and considered to have been discharged honorably from the military service on the date of his actual separation therefrom, if his service otherwise was such as would have entitled him to an honorable discharge: *Provided*, That no back pay or allowances shall accrue by reason of the passage of this Act: *Provided further*, That in all such cases the War Department shall, upon request, grant to such men or their widows a discharge certificate showing that the soldiers are held and considered to have been honorably discharged under the provisions of this Act.

Provisos.
No back pay, etc.

Certificate of honorable discharge may be granted.

Approved, March 16, 1926.

March 16, 1926.
[S. 1430.]
[Public, No. 47.]

CHAP. 58.—An Act To establish a Board of Public Welfare in and for the District of Columbia, to determine its functions, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia. Designated boards of, abolished.
Vol. 31, p. 664.
Vol. 27, p. 268.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Board of Charities of the District of Columbia, created by Act of Congress June 6, 1900, the Board of Children's Guardians of the District of Columbia, created by Act of Congress July 26, 1892, the board of trustees of the National Training School for Girls, created under the name of the Reform School for Girls, by Act of Congress July 9, 1888, shall be abolished upon the appointment and organization of the Board of Public Welfare, as hereinafter provided.

Vol. 25, p. 245.

Board of Public Welfare.
Created as successor to abolished boards.

SEC. 2. That there is hereby created in and for the District of Columbia a Board of Public Welfare, hereinafter called the board, which shall be the legal successor to the boards specified in section 1, and shall succeed to all of the powers, authority, and property and to all the duties and obligations heretofore vested in or imposed by law upon such boards. All employees of the boards specified in section 1 shall become the employees of the board for such time as their services may be deemed necessary, and the unexpended balance of all appropriations heretofore made for such boards, or to be disbursed by them, shall become available for the use and disbursement of the board.

Employees and appropriations transferred.

Composition of board.

SEC. 3. That the board shall consist of nine members who shall be appointed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia for terms of six years, provided that the first appointments made under this Act shall be for the following terms: Three persons shall be appointed for terms of two years; three persons shall be appointed for terms of four years; and three persons shall be appointed for terms of six years. Thereafter all appointments shall be for six years. No person shall be eligible for membership on the board who has not been a legal resident of the District of Columbia for at least three years. Any member of such board may be removed at any time for cause by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. Appointments to the board shall be made without discrimination as to sex, color, religion, or political affiliation. The members of the board shall serve without compensation.

Terms.

Residence requirements, etc. require-

No compensation.

Organization, meetings, etc.

SEC. 4. That within ten days after the appointment of its members the board shall meet and elect a chairman, vice chairman, and