

[CHAPTER 552]

AN ACT

December 13, 1944
[S. 218]
[Public Law 476]

To authorize relief of disbursing officers of the Army on account of loss or deficiency of Government funds, vouchers, records, or papers in their charge.

Army.
Relief of disbursing
officers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the General Accounting Office shall relieve any disbursing officer of the Army charged with responsibility on account of loss or deficiency while in the line of duty, of Government funds, vouchers, records, or papers, in his charge, where such loss or deficiency occurred without fault or negligence on the part of said officer: *Provided*, That the Secretary of War shall have determined that the officer was in the line of his duty, and the loss or deficiency occurred without fault or negligence on his part: *Provided further*, That the determination by the Secretary of War of the aforesaid questions shall be conclusive upon the General Accounting Office: *And provided further*, That this Act shall be applicable only to the actual physical loss of Government funds, vouchers, records, or papers, and shall not include deficiencies in the accounts of disbursing officers of the Army resulting from illegal or erroneous payments.

Applicability.

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AN ACT

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[S. 267]
[Public Law 477]

Relating to marriage and divorce among members of the Klamath and Modoc Tribes and Yahooskin Band of Snake Indians.

Marriage and di-
vorce among certain
Indian tribes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after six months after approval of this Act no marriage thereafter entered into, to which a member of the Klamath or Modoc or Yahooskin Band of Snake Indians of the Klamath Indian Reservation in Oregon is a party, shall be valid for any purpose unless such marriage shall have been solemnized pursuant to the laws of the State in which the ceremony is performed.

Existing bona fide
Indian custom mar-
riages.

SEC. 2. Bona fide Indian custom marriages with members of said tribes mentioned in section 1 existing prior to the effective date of section 1 of this Act are valid, and recordation of such marriage with the superintendent of the Klamath Indian Agency, if both parties are then living, in a book kept by him for that purpose shall be prima facie evidence of such marriage. The nonrecordation of such a marriage shall be prima facie evidence of the nonexistence of such marriage.

Divorces by State
court decree only.

SEC. 3. From and after the date of the approval of this Act, divorces in which a member of the said tribes or band of Indians is a party shall be effected only by decree of a State court of competent jurisdiction.

Inheritance restric-
tion.

SEC. 4. No person shall be entitled to inherit as the surviving spouse of a deceased member of the Klamath or Modoc Tribes or Yahooskin Band of Snake Indians by virtue of a marriage entered into subsequent to the effective date of section 1 of this Act unless his or her marriage to the decedent has been solemnized in conformity with the provisions of this Act: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the devolution of restricted property within the Klamath Reservation to any person not qualified under the provisions of section 5 of the Act of June 1, 1938 (52 Stat. 605).

Devolution of re-
stricted property.

25 U. S. C. § 555.

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[CHAPTER 554]

AN ACT

For the relief of the State of Tennessee.

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[S. 1590]
[Public Law 478]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is authorized to give to the account of the National Guard of the State of Tennessee credit in the amount of \$2,920.18 for the money value of property listed on approved reports of survey for which the State of Tennessee has been held pecuniarily responsible, said credits to be given in full satisfaction of any and all claims of the State of Tennessee against the United States on account of clothing purchased by the State and issued to the National Guard of Tennessee to meet a shortage existing prior to the Army maneuvers of August 1940. This credit shall be established by the submission of evidence acceptable to the War Department of the purchase, issue, and transfer of title to the United States of the clothing.

Approved December 13, 1944.

State of Tennessee.
Credit to account of
State National Guard.

[CHAPTER 555]

AN ACT

Relating to the administration of the Glacier National Park Fish Hatchery, at Creston, Montana, and for other purposes.

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[Public Law 479]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the property at Creston, Montana, acquired by the United States for the establishment of a fish hatchery for restocking the waters of Glacier National Park and administered as a part of the park pursuant to the Act of July 31, 1939 (53 Stat. 1142), together with the improvements and equipment utilized in connection with the hatchery property, is hereby eliminated from the park.

The functions of the National Park Service with regard to the administration of the aforesaid properties for the benefit of the park are hereby transferred to and shall be exercised by the Fish and Wildlife Service for the same purposes: *Provided, however,* That such fish propagated at the hatchery as may be in excess of the number necessary to restock and maintain an optimum fish population in the waters of the park at all times may be utilized for the restocking of other waters.

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Glacier National
Park, Mont.
Administration of
fish hatchery.

Use of surplus fish.

[CHAPTER 556]

AN ACT

To transfer Georgetown County, South Carolina, from the Florence division to the Charleston division of the eastern judicial district of South Carolina.

December 13, 1944
[S. 1877]
[Public Law 480]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Georgetown County, South Carolina, of the eastern judicial district of South Carolina, be, and it is hereby, detached from the Florence division of said district and attached to the Charleston division of said district.

Approved December 13, 1944.

South Carolina east-
ern judicial district.