

SEC. 12. Any person described in category (6) of section 3, category (7) of section 5, or category (5) of section 6 who is commissioned, appointed, or enlisted pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall not be entitled to any retirement benefits under any laws relating to the retirement of civilian personnel of the Federal Government, but shall be entitled upon claim therefor to a return of the total contributions made by him to the retirement fund with interest thereon and, in addition, to eligibility for retirement benefits provided by law for members of the Regular Coast Guard, he shall, if his total service in the Federal Government, civil plus military, is fifteen years or over, be entitled, upon reaching the statutory retirement age for military personnel of the Regular Coast Guard, to retirement pay amounting to 75 per centum of his active-duty pay at the time of such retirement; and, in the administration of applicable laws for physical disability retirement, a disability shall be deemed to have been incurred incident to Coast Guard service if the cause of such disability is not due to vicious habits, intemperance, or misconduct.

Retirement benefits.

Retirement pay.

Disability.

SEC. 13. No person described in category (6) of section 3, category (7) of section 5, or category (5) of section 6 who is commissioned, appointed, or enlisted in the Coast Guard pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall suffer any reduction in annual compensation, including allowances, below the compensation applicable to his permanent civil-service position at the time of such commissioning, appointment, or enlistment, exclusive of overtime compensation, and the civil-service status, tenure, seniority, and compensation of any such person who for any reason is not commissioned, appointed, or enlisted under the provisions of this Act shall not be impaired by reason of this Act.

Reduction in annual compensation, etc.

SEC. 14. Accrued military leave of any person described in category (6) of section 3, category (7) of section 5, or category (5) of section 6 who is a member of the Coast Guard Reserve or the Naval Reserve on active duty, and who is commissioned, appointed, or enlisted pursuant to the provisions of this Act, shall be credited to him upon such commissioning, appointment, or enlistment.

Accrued military leave.

SEC. 15. Any person described in category (5) of section 6 who enlists in the Coast Guard shall be considered as enlisted pursuant to this Act.

Enlistment.

SEC. 16. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed; but nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to affect the continued application to the Coast Guard of the Act of July 24, 1941, as amended (34 U. S. C., Supp. V, secs. 350-350J).

55 Stat. 603.
Ante, pp. 312, 313.

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[CHAPTER 302]

AN ACT

To extend temporarily the time for filing applications for patents and for taking action in the United States Patent Office with respect thereto.

July 23, 1947
[H. R. 3958]
[Public Law 220]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the period of extension of priority rights under section 1 of Public Law 690, Seventy-ninth Congress, approved August 8, 1946, and the time for the payment of any fee or the taking of any other action under section 3 of said Act, specified as expiring twelve months after the passage of that Act, shall be further extended to a date not later than February 29, 1948, in favor of citizens of the United States and citizens or subjects of countries which grant or shall grant before February 29, 1948, substantially reciprocal privileges to citizens of the United States for such extended term, subject to the provisions of said Public Law 690.

Patents.

60 Stat. 940.
35 U. S. C. § 101.60 Stat. 942.
35 U. S. C. § 103.

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60 Stat. 940.
35 U. S. C. §§ 101-114.

[CHAPTER 304]

AN ACT

July 23, 1947
[H. R. 205]
[Public Law 221]

To amend the Act approved May 7, 1934, granting citizenship to the Metlakahtla Indians of Alaska.

Metlakahtla, etc.,
Indians of Alaska.

8 U. S. C. § 601 note.

U. S. citizenship.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Act of May 7, 1934, entitled "An Act granting citizenship to the Metlakahtla Indians of Alaska" (48 Stat. 667) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"That the Indians of the Tsimshian Tribe, and those people known as Metlakahtlans, who emigrated from Metlakahtla, British Columbia, Canada to Annette Island, in the Alexander Archipelago in southeastern Alaska in the year 1887, and there established a colony known as Metlakahtla, Alaska, and any and all other British Columbia Indians who joined them there not later than January 1, 1900, and have since resided continuously in the Territory of Alaska, having been faithful and loyal to the Constitution, laws, and the Government of the United States, are hereby declared to be citizens of the United States."

SEC. 2. That the first sentence of section 339 of the Nationality Act of 1940, approved October 14, 1940, as amended (54 Stat. 1160; 58 Stat. 4; 8 U. S. C. Supp. 739), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Certificate of citizenship.

8 U. S. C. § 601 (c), (d), (e), (g), and note.

"SEC. 339. A person who claims to have derived United States citizenship through the naturalization of a parent or through the naturalization or citizenship of a husband, or who is a citizen of the United States by virtue of the provisions of section 1993 of the United States Revised Statutes, or of section 1993 of the United States Revised Statutes as amended by section 1 of the Act of May 24, 1934 (48 Stat. 797), or who is a citizen of the United States by virtue of the provisions of section 201 (c), (d), (e), and (g) of the Nationality Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 1138; U. S. C., title 8, sec. 601), or of the Act of May 7, 1934 (48 Stat. 667), may apply to the Commissioner for a certificate of citizenship."

Approved July 23, 1947.

[CHAPTER 305]

AN ACT

July 24, 1947
[H. R. 1609]
[Public Law 222]

To authorize the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska to provide for the exercise of zoning power in town sites on the public lands of the United States.

Alaska.
Zoning power in
town sites.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska is hereby authorized to exercise or to provide for the exercise of zoning power, through a Territorial Zoning Commission or otherwise, in town sites on the public lands of the United States in Alaska; except that such power shall not extend to lands or buildings while they are being utilized by, or to buildings or other structures while they are being constructed by or for, the United States.

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[CHAPTER 306]

AN ACT

July 24, 1947
[H. R. 1882]
[Public Law 223]

For expenditure of funds for cooperating with the public-school board at Walker, Minnesota, for the extension of public-school facilities to be available to all Indian children in the district.

Walker, Minn.
Appropriation authorized for school facilities.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, an additional sum of \$35,000 for the purpose