

“National Capital Parks”, \$87,600;
 “National Capital Park and Planning Commission”, \$4,700;
 “National Zoological Park”, \$39,100.

DIVISION OF EXPENSES

The sums appropriated in this Act for the District of Columbia shall, unless otherwise specifically provided, be paid out of the general fund of the District of Columbia, as defined in the District of Columbia Appropriation Act, 1947.

SEC. 2. The restrictions contained within appropriations or affecting appropriations or other funds, available during the fiscal year 1947, limiting the amounts which may be expended for personal services or for other purposes involving personal services, or amounts which may be transferred between appropriations or authorizations, are hereby waived with respect to the foregoing items to the extent necessary to meet increased pay costs authorized by the Acts of March 6, 1946 (Public Law 317), May 21, 1946 (Public Law 386), May 24, 1946 (Public Law 390), July 5, 1946 (Public Law 491), July 31, 1946 (Public Laws 567, 568, and 577), and August 1, 1946 (Public Law 582), and other legislation enacted during or applicable to the fiscal year 1947 authorizing increased pay for civilian employees of the Government.

Approved March 29, 1947.

District of Columbia.

60 Stat. 501.

Waiver of restrictions.

60 Stat. 35, 203, 216, 480, 716, 717, 749, 752.
 39 U. S. C. §§ 850a, 862a, 862b, 867a, 877, 878; 5 U. S. C. §§ 645a, 645b, 902 *et seq.*; 28 U. S. C. §§ 5, 213, 241, 296, 301, 324.
Post, pp. 40, 727.

[CHAPTER 26]

AN ACT

To establish an Office of Selective Service Records to liquidate the Selective Service System following the termination of its functions on March 31, 1947, and to preserve and service the Selective Service records, and for other purposes.

March 31, 1947

[S. 918]

[Public Law 26]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby established an Office of Selective Service Records, to be headed by a Director who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall receive compensation at the rate of \$10,000 per year.

Office of Selective Service Records.
 Director; compensation.

SEC. 2. The functions, duties, and responsibilities of the Office of Selective Service Records shall be (a) to liquidate the Selective Service System, which liquidation shall be completed as rapidly as possible after March 31, 1947, but in any event not later than March 31, 1948, except as herein provided; (b) to preserve and service the records of Selective Service; and (c) to perform such other duties relating to the preservation of records, knowledge, and methods of Selective Service, not inconsistent with law.

Functions, etc., of Office.
 Liquidation of Selective Service System.

SEC. 3. The unexpended balances of funds available to the Selective Service System are hereby made available to the Office of Selective Service Records for the purposes of this Act and such additional appropriations as are necessary therefor are hereby authorized.

Availability of funds.

Appropriations authorized.

Post, pp. 108, 617.

Transfer of property, etc.

SEC. 4. All property, records, and personnel of the Selective Service System are hereby transferred to the Office of Selective Service Records and authority is hereby granted to the Director of the Office of Selective Service Records to transfer, without reimbursement, and with the approval of the War Assets Administration, to the National Guard in the several States, the District of Columbia, and Territories and possessions of the United States, or to the Organized Reserves of the armed forces, surplus property of the Selective Service System.

Transfer of func-
tions, etc.
Post, p. 621.
60 Stat. 342.
50 U. S. C. app.
§ 316 (b).

54 Stat. 891.
50 U. S. C. app.
§ 308 (g).

58 Stat. 294.
38 U. S. C. § 695 (a).

58 Stat. 294.
38 U. S. C. § 695 (c).

Authority of Direc-
tor.

42 Stat. 1488.
5 U. S. C. §§ 661-674.

Voluntary services.

Fiscal, disbursing,
and accounting agent.

Assignment of offi-
cer or employee with-
out loss of status.

Individual confiden-
tial records.

SEC. 5. (a) Pursuant to the third sentence of section 7 of Public Law 473, approved June 29, 1946, all functions and responsibilities of the Personnel Division, National Headquarters, Selective Service System, established under authority of section 8 (g) of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended, together with so much of the records of the Selective Service System, and so much of the unexpended balances of appropriations of the Selective Service System, as the Director of the Bureau of the Budget may determine to relate primarily to such functions, are hereby transferred, effective March 29, 1947, from the Selective Service System to the Secretary of Labor.

(b) The second sentence of section 600 (a) of Public Law 346, approved June 22, 1944, is hereby amended by substituting the words "Director of the Office of Selective Service Records" for the words "Director of the National Selective Service System".

(c) Section 600 (c) of Public Law 346, approved June 22, 1944, is hereby amended by substituting the words "Office of Selective Service Records" for the words "Veterans' Personnel Division, National Selective Service System".

SEC. 6. (a) The Director is authorized—

(1) to prescribe the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act;

(2) to create and establish, on the date hereinafter specified, Federal record depots in the several States, the District of Columbia, Territories, and possessions of the United States, and to maintain such other offices as may be necessary for the purposes of this Act;

(3) to utilize the agencies of the Federal Government with the consent of the heads thereof, and to accept the services of all officers and agents of the several States, the District of Columbia, Territories, and possessions of the United States, and subdivisions thereof, in the execution of this Act;

(4) to appoint and fix the compensation of such officers and employees (not to exceed 1,200 in number by November 1, 1947), as may be necessary for the purposes of this Act, with or without regard to the Classification Act of 1923, as amended: *Provided*, That the compensation of such persons shall not be in excess of that provided in said Act;

(5) to delegate and provide for the delegation of any authority vested in him under this Act to such officers, agents, or persons as he may designate or appoint for such purpose or as may be designated or appointed for such purpose pursuant to such rules and regulations as he may prescribe.

(b) In the administration of this Act voluntary services may be accepted.

(c) The Chief of Finance, United States Army, is hereby designated, empowered, and directed to act as the fiscal, disbursing, and accounting agent of the Director of the Office of Selective Service Records in carrying out the provisions of this Act.

(d) Any officer on the active or retired list of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, or of any Reserve component thereof, or any officer or employee of any department or agency of the United States who may be assigned or detailed to any office or position to carry out the provisions of this Act may serve in and perform the functions of such office or position without loss of or prejudice to his status as such officer in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard or Reserve component thereof, or as such officer or employee in any department or agency of the United States.

SEC. 7. The Director is authorized to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary to preserve the confidential nature of the

individual confidential records previously obtained under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended. Any person charged with the duty of carrying out any of the provisions of this Act, and who fails to carry out such provisions or who shall knowingly violate the regulations promulgated under this section, or any person or persons who shall unlawfully obtain, gain access to, or use such records, shall, upon conviction in the district court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not more than five years, or a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment, or if subject to military or naval law, may be tried by court martial, and, on conviction, shall suffer such punishment as the court martial may direct.

SEC. 8. Except as provided in this Act, all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby suspended to the extent of such conflict for the period in which this Act shall be in force.

SEC. 9. Except as otherwise provided by the terms of this Act, the provisions hereof shall take effect at 12 o'clock postmeridian, March 31, 1947.

Approved March 31, 1947.

[CHAPTER 27]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard to waive compliance with the navigation and vessel-inspection laws administered by the Coast Guard.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That effective April 1, 1947, the Commandant, United States Coast Guard, is authorized to waive compliance with the navigation and vessel-inspection laws administered by the Coast Guard to the extent and in such manner and upon such terms as may be deemed necessary by him in the orderly reconversion of the merchant marine from wartime to peacetime operations.

SEC. 2. The authority granted by this resolution shall remain in force only until April 1, 1948: *Provided*, That after June 1, 1947, the Commandant shall not waive compliance with those sections of the navigation and vessel-inspection laws requiring the employment of American citizens as officers and crew members and limiting the employment of aliens except insofar as such employment shall be in the steward's department of vessels authorized to carry in excess of twelve passengers.

Approved March 31, 1947.

[CHAPTER 28]

AN ACT

To provide for the suspension of navigation and vessel inspection laws, as applied to vessels operated by the War Department, upon the termination of title V, Second War Powers Act, 1942, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That upon the termination of title V of the Second War Powers Act, 1942, as last amended by the Act of June 29, 1946 (Public Law 475, Seventy-ninth Congress), and upon request of the Secretary of War to the head of each department or agency responsible for the administration of navigation and vessel inspection laws, the operation of all such laws of which suspension is so requested shall be suspended in relation to

54 Stat. 835.
50 U. S. C. app.
§§ 301-318.
Violation of regulations.

Penalty.

Suspension of conflicting laws.

Effective date.

March 31, 1947
[H. J. Res. 76]
[Public Law 27]

U. S. Coast Guard.
Waiver of compliance with designated laws.

Time limitations.
Post, p. 685.

March 31, 1947
[H. R. 1240]
[Public Law 28]

56 Stat. 180; 60 Stat. 345.
50 U. S. C. app. §§ 635, 645.
Post, pp. 34, 214, 322.