

Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company, containing five thousand and five hundred and nine ten-thousandths of an acre, more or less; in consideration of the transfer to the United States by appropriate deed of conveyance by the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company, free from all encumbrances, and without cost to the United States, all right, title, and interest of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company, to the following parcels of land:

Parcel 2. A strip of land along the west boundary of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company right-of-way between the center line of the old channel of Chopawamsic Creek and the 1877 channel change, containing five and three one-hundredths acres, more or less; and

Parcel 3. A strip of land between the west boundary of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company and the 1877 channel of Chopawamsic Creek, containing nine and forty-eight one-hundredths acres, more or less.

Acquisition of adjoining areas.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Navy is further authorized to acquire on behalf of the United States by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, all right, title, and interest in any remaining small areas adjoining parcels 2 and 3 and the 1877 channel change of Chopawamsic Creek in order to adjust the boundary line of the Marine Corps Reservation.

Right reserved.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, March 15, 1940.

[CHAPTER 65]

AN ACT

March 18, 1940
[S. 2284]
[Public, No. 440]

To amend the Act of May 4, 1898 (30 Stat. 369), so as to authorize the President to appoint one hundred acting assistant surgeons for temporary service.

Medical Corps, Navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of May 4, 1898, entitled "An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and for other purposes" (30 Stat. 369), is hereby amended so that the last paragraph of the appropriation for the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (30 Stat. 380), shall read as follows: "The President is hereby authorized to appoint for temporary service one hundred acting assistant surgeons, who shall have the rank and compensation of assistant surgeons".

34 U. S. C. § 21.
Additional acting assistant surgeons for temporary service authorized.

Approved, March 18, 1940.

[CHAPTER 66]

AN ACT

March 18, 1940
[H. R. 7863]
[Public, No. 441]

To amend section 602 (e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, relating to a study of radio requirements for ships navigating the Great Lakes and inland waters of the United States.

Federal Communications Commission.
Time extension for report.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 602 (e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (50 Stat. 197; U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. IV, title 47, sec. 602), is hereby amended by striking out the words "not later than December 31, 1939", and inserting in lieu thereof the words "as soon as practicable but not later than January 1, 1941".

Approved, March 18, 1940.

[CHAPTER 71]

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Treasury and Post Office Departments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1941, and for other purposes.

March 25, 1940
[H. R. 8068]
[Public, No. 442]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Treasury and Post Office Departments Appropriation Act, 1941.

TITLE I—TREASURY DEPARTMENT

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Treasury Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1941, namely:

Treasury Department Appropriation Act 1941.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Salaries: Secretary of the Treasury, Under Secretary of the Treasury, three Assistant Secretaries of the Treasury, and other personal services in the District of Columbia, including the temporary employment of experts, \$263,360: *Provided*, That in expending appropriations or portions of appropriations contained in this Act for the payment of personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, with the exception of the Assistant Secretaries of the Treasury and the Assistant Postmasters General, the average of the salaries of the total number of persons under any grade in any bureau, office, or other appropriation unit shall not at any time exceed the average of the compensation rates specified for the grade by such Act, as amended, and in grades in which only one position is allocated the salary of such position shall not exceed the average of the compensation rates for the grade, except that in unusually meritorious cases of one position in a grade advances may be made to rates higher than the average of the compensation rates of the grade, but not more often than once in any fiscal year, and then only to the next higher rate: *Provided further*, That this restriction shall not apply (1) to grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the clerical-mechanical service, (2) to require the reduction in salary of any person whose compensation was fixed, as of July 1, 1924, in accordance with the rules of section 6 of such Act, (3) to require the reduction in salary of any person who is transferred from one position to another position in the same or different grade in the same or a different bureau, office, or other appropriation unit, (4) to prevent the payment of a salary under any grade at a rate higher than the maximum rate of the grade when such higher rate is permitted by the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, and is specifically authorized by other law, or (5) to reduce the compensation of any person in a grade in which only one position is allocated.

Salaries.
Experts.
Provisos.
Salary restriction.

42 Stat. 1488.
5 U. S. C. §§ 661-674;
Supp. V, §§ 673, 673c.

Restriction not applicable in designated cases.

42 Stat. 1490.
5 U. S. C. § 666.

DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND STATISTICS

Salaries: For personal services in the District of Columbia, \$168,000.

Salaries.

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

Salaries: For the General Counsel and other personal services in the District of Columbia, \$136,000.

Salaries.
Post, p. 652.

DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

Salaries: For the Chief of the Division and other personal services in the District of Columbia, \$134,600.

Salaries.