

## [CHAPTER 77]

## AN ACT

February 16, 1942  
[S. 2182]  
[Public Law 455]

To provide for temporary promotion in the Army of the United States of officers commissioned in the Air Corps or assigned to duty with the Air Corps.

Army of the United States.  
Temporary promotion of Air Corps officers, etc.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, during any war in which the United States is now engaged, any officer of the Regular Army Air Corps, any officer of the Regular Army other than Air Corps who is assigned to duty with any tactical unit, or any installation, or any staff, of the Air Corps, any officer of the Air Corps Reserve or any other section of the Officers' Reserve Corps assigned to duty with any tactical unit, or any installation, or any staff, of the Air Corps, any officer of the National Guard of the United States ordered into the active military service of the United States with an Air Corps unit or assigned to duty with any tactical unit, or any installation, or any staff, of the Air Corps, and any officer directly commissioned in the Army of the United States and assigned to duty with any tactical unit, or any installation, or any staff, of the Air Corps, may be appointed to higher temporary grade not above that of colonel, without vacating his existing commission in the Regular Army; the Officers' Reserve Corps, the National Guard of the United States, or the Army of the United States, as the case may be.

Nonapplicability of provisions.

The provisions of this Act shall not apply to officers of the arms and services other than Air Corps who are assigned to those units or detachments of such arms or services on duty with the Air Corps. Officers so appointed shall be appointed and commissioned in the Army of the United States and shall take rank in the grade to which appointed from the date stated in their commissions or letters of appointment. Such appointments shall continue until six months after the termination of any war in which the United States is now engaged unless sooner terminated by order of the President, or until relieved from assignment to the duty herein described, whichever is the earlier: *Provided*, That the temporary promotion of any officer under the terms of this Act shall not prevent his subsequent permanent promotion nor, if eligible therefor, his subsequent temporary promotion under section 4 of the Act of June 16, 1936 (49 Stat. 1525), or under section 127a of the National Defense Act, as amended: *Provided further*, That during the period described herein, and in order to preserve relative rank in grade, every Regular Army Air Corps officer shall take rank in grade within the Air Corps from the date of the earliest promotion to that grade under this or any other provisions of existing law. Officers temporarily appointed under this Act shall be entitled to the pay, flying pay, and allowances pertaining to the grade to which temporarily appointed. No officer holding temporary rank under the provisions of this Act shall be eligible to command outside the Air Corps, except by seniority under his permanent commission, unless specifically so ordered by competent authority.

Duration of appointments.

*Provided*.  
Subsequent promotions.

10 U. S. C. §§ 292a-1, 513.  
41 Stat. 785.  
*Post*, p. 1050.  
Relative rank in grade.

Pay and allowances.

Eligibility to command outside the Air Corps.

Approved, February 16, 1942.

## [CHAPTER 95]

## AN ACT

February 20, 1942  
[S. 2192]  
[Public Law 456]

To extend the time for examination of quarterly accounts covering expenditures by disbursing officers of the United States Navy.

Navy.  
Examination of quarterly accounts.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the time for examination of quarterly accounts covering expenditures by disburs-