

and to investigate and promote practical methods of insuring standing timber on growing forests from losses by fire. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not more than \$9,000,000 to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out the provisions of sections 1, 2, and 3 of this Act: *Provided*, That the appropriation under this authorization shall not exceed \$6,300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, \$7,300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, and \$8,300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947."

Annual appropriations authorized.
Post, p. 446.

43 Stat. 653.
16 U. S. C. §§ 564, 565.
Ante, p. 216; *post*, p. 736.

Approved May 5, 1944.

[CHAPTER 190]

AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to fix the salaries of officers and members of the Metropolitan Police force and the Fire Department of the District of Columbia".

May 5, 1944
[S. 1757]
[Public Law 297]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to fix the salaries of officers and members of the Metropolitan Police force and the Fire Department of the District of Columbia", approved July 1, 1930 (46 Stat. 839), be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

District of Columbia.

46 Stat. 840.
D. C. Code § 4-405.

"SEC. 2. That the annual basic salaries of the officers and members of the Fire Department of the District of Columbia shall be as follows: Chief engineer, \$8,000; deputy chief engineers, \$5,000 each; battalion chief engineers, \$4,500 each; fire marshal, \$5,000; deputy fire marshal, \$3,600; inspectors, \$2,460 each; captains, \$3,600 each; lieutenants, \$3,050 each; sergeants, \$2,750 each; superintendent of machinery, \$5,000; assistant superintendent of machinery, \$3,600; pilots, \$2,600 each; marine engineers, \$2,600 each; assistant marine engineers, \$2,460 each; marine firemen, \$2,100 each; privates, a basic salary of \$1,900 per year, with an annual increase of \$100 in salary for five years, or until the maximum salary of \$2,400 is reached. All original appointments of privates shall be made at the basic salary of \$1,900 per year, and the first year of service shall be probationary."

Fire Department, salaries.
Officers.

Privates.

This Act shall become effective on the first day of the month following the month in which approved.

Effective date.

Approved May 5, 1944.

[CHAPTER 191]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To limit the operation of sections 109 and 113 of the Criminal Code, and sections 361, 365, and 366 of the Revised Statutes, and certain other provisions of law.

May 5, 1944
[S. J. Res. 122]
[Public Law 298]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That nothing in section 109 or section 113 of the Criminal Code (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 18, secs. 198 and 203), or in section 361, section 365, or section 366 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 5, secs. 306, 314, and 315), or in any other provision of Federal law imposing restrictions, requirements, or penalties in relation to the employment of persons, the performance of services, or the payment or receipt of compensation in connection with any claim, proceeding, or matter involving the United States, shall apply with respect to counsel to the special committee of the Senate serving under the provisions of S. Res. 253, Seventy-eighth Congress, adopted March 13, 1944.

Limitation of operation of designated statutes.
35 Stat. 1107, 1109.

Approved May 5, 1944.

[CHAPTER 192]

AN ACT

Relating to the status of retired judges.

May 11, 1944
[S. 156]

[Public Law 299]

Judicial Code,
amendment.
36 Stat. 1161.Salary of U. S.
judges after resigna-
tion or retirement.Successor to retiring
judge.
Voluntary assign-
ment after retirement.56 Stat. 1094.
28 U. S. C., Supp.
III, §§ 17-23.Procedure where
disabled judge re-
mains in office.

Seniority.

Appointment of
court officials.Seniority for ap-
pointment purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 260 of the Judicial Code, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 28, sec. 375), be, and it is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 260. When any judge of any court of the United States, appointed to hold his office during good behavior, resigns his office after having held a commission or commissions as judge of any such court or courts at least ten years, continuously or otherwise, and having attained the age of seventy years, he shall, during the residue of his natural life, receive the salary which is payable at the time of his resignation for the office that he held at the time of his resignation. But, instead of resigning, any judge other than a Justice of the Supreme Court, who is qualified to resign under the foregoing provisions, may retire, upon the salary of which he is then in receipt, from regular active service on the bench, and the President shall thereupon be authorized to appoint a successor; but a judge so retiring may nevertheless be called upon by the senior circuit judge or judicial council of that circuit and be by such senior circuit judge or such council authorized to perform such judicial duties in such circuit as such retired judge may be willing to undertake, or he may be called upon by the Chief Justice and be by him authorized to perform such judicial duties in any other circuit as such retired judge may be willing to undertake or he may be called upon either by the presiding judge or senior judge of any other such court and be by him authorized to perform such judicial duties in such court as such retired judge may be willing to undertake. Any judge who has heretofore retired, or who hereafter retires, under the provisions of this section, may perform judicial duties only when so called and authorized as herein provided, or as provided by an Act approved December 29, 1942, entitled 'An Act to amend the Judicial Code to authorize the Chief Justice of the United States to assign circuit judges to temporary duty in circuits other than their own'.

"In the event any circuit judge, or district judge, having so held a commission or commissions at least ten years, continuously or otherwise, and having attained the age of seventy years as aforesaid, shall nevertheless remain in office, and not resign or retire as aforesaid, the President, if he finds any such judge is unable to discharge efficiently all the duties of his office by reason of mental or physical disability of permanent character, may, when necessary for the efficient dispatch of business, appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, an additional circuit judge of the circuit, or district judge of the district, to which such disabled judge belongs. Any judge who has heretofore retired or who hereafter retires voluntarily under the provisions of this section, or whose mental or physical condition caused the President to appoint an additional judge, shall be held and treated as if junior in commission to the remaining judges of said court, who shall, in the order of the seniority of their respective commissions, exercise such powers and perform such duties as by law may be incident to seniority. In districts where there may be more than one district judge, if the judges or a majority of them cannot agree upon the appointment of officials of the court, to be appointed by such judges, then the senior judge shall have the power to make such appointments: *Provided*, That in determining the seniority of district judges in any State for the purpose of exercising the power of appointing officials of the court, any district judge whose jurisdiction extends over more than one district shall be held