

[CHAPTER 368]

AN ACT

To provide for loss of United States nationality under certain circumstances.

July 1, 1944
[H. R. 4103]
[Public Law 405]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 401 of the Nationality Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 1168; 8 U. S. C. 801) is amended by substituting a semicolon for the period after the last word in subsection (h) of such section, adding the word "or" to the said subsection, and adding a new subsection to be known as subsection (i) and to read as follows:

Nationality Act of 1940, amendments. *Am.*, p. 4; *post*, p. 745.

"(i) making in the United States a formal written renunciation of nationality in such form as may be prescribed by, and before such officer as may be designated by, the Attorney General, whenever the United States shall be in a state of war and the Attorney General shall approve such renunciation as not contrary to the interests of national defense."

Renunciation in time of war.

SEC. 2. Section 403 (a) of the Nationality Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 1169–1170; 8 U. S. C. 803) is amended by substituting a comma for the word "and" as it appears between the parenthetical (g) and (h) and adding the following after the parenthetical (h): ", and (i)".

Approved July 1, 1944.

[CHAPTER 369]

AN ACT

To extend to the custodial-service employees of the Post Office Department certain benefits applicable to postal employees.

July 1, 1944
[H. R. 4215]
[Public Law 406]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all officers and employees (other than charmen and charwomen working part time) of the custodial service of the Post Office Department shall, at the end of each year's satisfactory service, be promoted, at the beginning of the first quarter following the completion of such year's service, to the compensation rate next higher than that of which he is then in receipt until the maximum rate of compensation for the grade to which his position is allocated is reached.

Post Office Department.
Custodial-service employees.
Promotion.

SEC. 2. The sixth paragraph of section 6 of the Act entitled "An Act reclassifying the salaries of postmasters and employees of the Postal Service, readjusting their salaries and compensation on an equitable basis, increasing postal rates to provide for such readjustment, and for other purposes", approved February 28, 1925, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 39, sec. 116, sixth paragraph), is amended to read as follows:

Postal Service.

43 Stat. 1061.

"Dispatchers, mechanics-in-charge, special mechanics, general mechanics, mechanics' helpers, driver-mechanics, and garagemen-drivers in the Motor Vehicle Service, employees of the pneumatic-tube system, and employees of the custodial service, shall be required to work not more than eight hours a day. The eight hours of service shall not extend over a longer period than ten consecutive hours, and the schedules of duties of the employees shall be regulated accordingly. In cases of emergency, or if the needs of the service require, special clerks, clerks, dispatchers, mechanics-in-charge, special mechanics, general mechanics, mechanics' helpers, driver-mechanics, and garagemen-drivers in the Motor Vehicle Service, employees of the pneumatic-tube system, and employees of the custodial service, can be required to work in excess of eight hours per day, and for such overtime service they shall be paid on the basis of the annual pay received by such employees. In computing the compensation for such overtime

Hours of work of designated employees.

Emergencies.

Pay for overtime service.

the annual salary or compensation for such employees shall be divided by three hundred and six, the number of working days in the year less all Sundays and legal holidays enumerated in the Act of July 28, 1916; the quotient thus obtained will be the daily compensation which divided by eight will give the hourly compensation for such overtime service. When the needs of the service require the employment on Sundays and holidays of route supervisors, special clerks, clerks, dispatchers, mechanics-in-charge, special mechanics, general mechanics, mechanics' helpers, driver-mechanics, and garagemen-drivers in the Motor Vehicle Service, employees of the pneumatic-tube system, and employees of the custodial service, they shall be allowed compensatory time on one day within six days next succeeding the Sunday, except the last three Sundays in the calendar year, and on one day within thirty days next succeeding the holiday and the last three Sundays in the year on which service is performed: *Provided, however,* That the Postmaster General may, if the exigencies of the service require it, authorize the payment of overtime in lieu of compensatory time for service on Sundays and holidays: *Provided further,* That the provisions of the foregoing provisos shall apply to employees of the custodial service during the period of the emergency and for six months thereafter."

SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS.

COMPENSATORY TIME.

PAYMENT OF OVERTIME.

NIGHT WORK.

45 STAT. 725.

SEC. 3. The Act entitled "An Act to provide a differential in pay for night work in the Postal Service", enacted May 24, 1928, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 39, sec. 828), is amended by striking out the words "motor-vehicle and pneumatic-tube services", and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "motor-vehicle, pneumatic-tube, and custodial services".

SEC. 4. This Act shall not be applied so as to reduce the compensation or grade of any employee.

Approved July 1, 1944.

[CHAPTER 370]

AN ACT

July 1, 1944
[H. R. 4348]
[Public Law 407]

To amend the Act approved August 18, 1942, entitled "An Act to facilitate the disposition of prizes captured by the United States during the present war, and for other purposes".

Prizes captured by
U. S. during war.

50 U. S. C., Supp.
III, app. § 821.
Court jurisdiction.

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 entitled "An Act to facilitate the disposition of prizes captured by the United States during the present war, and for other purposes", approved August 18, 1942 (56 Stat. 746, 50 App. U. S. C. 821 ff), is amended to read as follows: "That the district courts shall have original jurisdiction of all prizes captured during war if said capture was made by authority of the United States or was adopted and ratified by the President of the United States and the prize was brought into the territorial waters of a cobelligerent or was taken or appropriated for the use of the United States, including jurisdiction of all proceedings for the condemnation of such property taken as prize".

56 Stat. 746.
50 U. S. C., Supp.
III, app. § 824.

Adjudication with-
out appraisalment, etc.

SEC. 2. That section 4 of such Act is amended by striking out the period at the end of said section and by inserting in lieu thereof a colon and by adding immediately thereafter the following: "*Provided,* That notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the seized property is taken or appropriated for the use of the United States whether before or after it comes into the custody of the prize court, the prize court is hereby authorized to proceed to adjudication on the basis of an inventory and survey and an appropriate undertaking