

the United States or any agency or official of the United States entitled to bring such action, the action may be commenced at any time within two years after the United States or any agency or official of the United States who is entitled to bring the same shall discover that the United States or any agency or official of the United States had such cause of action, although such action would be otherwise barred by the provisions of this Act.

Approved March 6, 1946.

[CHAPTER 49]

AN ACT

March 6, 1946  
[H. R. 2240]  
[Public Law 309]

To credit certain service performed by members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Public Health Service prior to reaching eighteen years of age for the purpose of computing longevity pay, or for other pay purposes.

Army, Navy, etc.  
Service credit.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That any service which would be creditable, for the purpose of computing longevity pay, or for other pay purposes, of members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, or Public Health Service, or of any of the reserve components thereof, except for the fact that such service was, or shall be, performed prior to the attainment of the age of eighteen years, shall, under such regulations as the head of the Department concerned may prescribe, be credited notwithstanding such fact.

Effective period.

SEC. 2. The provisions of this Act shall be effective from June 1, 1942, and shall cease to be in effect six months after termination of the present war.

Approved March 6, 1946.

[CHAPTER 50]

AN ACT

March 6, 1946  
[H. R. 3028]  
[Public Law 310]

To amend the Act of August 17, 1937, as amended, relating to the establishment of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area in the State of North Carolina.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, N. C.  
50 Stat. 670; 54 Stat. 702.

Acquisition of property.

50 Stat. 669.  
16 U. S. C. § 459.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proviso in the first paragraph of section 4 of the Act approved August 17, 1937, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 16, sec. 459a-2), relating to the establishment of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area in the State of North Carolina, is amended to read as follows: "Provided, That the Secretary of the Interior may, in his discretion, accept for administration, protection, and development by the National Park Service a minimum of ten thousand acres within the area described in section 1 of this Act, including the existing Cape Hatteras State Park, and, in addition, any other portions of the area described in section 1 hereof if the State of North Carolina shall agree that if all the lands described in section 1 of this Act shall not have been conveyed to the United States within fifteen years from August 17, 1937, the establishment of the aforesaid national seashore recreational area may, in the discretion of the said Secretary, be abandoned, and that, in the event of such abandonment, the said State will accept a reconveyance of title to all lands conveyed by it to the United States for said national seashore recreational area".

Approved March 6, 1946.

## [CHAPTER 51]

## AN ACT

To grant the title of public lands to the town of Safford, Arizona, for the use of its municipal water system.

March 6, 1946  
[H. R. 3444]  
[Public Law 311]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, subject to the conditions and reservations hereinafter specified, there is hereby granted, and the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to patent, to the town of Safford, Arizona, for municipal water purposes all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to that portion of the public lands of the United States which, after survey, will be described as follows: Southeast quarter northwest quarter; southwest quarter northeast quarter; west half southeast quarter, section 5, township 6 south, range 28 east, of the Gila and Salt River base and meridian in Graham County, Arizona, containing one hundred and sixty acres, more or less: *Provided*, That, prior to the issuance of such patent the said town of Safford shall pay the appraised value of such land, to be determined by the Secretary of the Interior, which shall not be less than \$1.25 per acre: *Provided further*, That such patent shall contain a reservation to the United States of all oil, coal, and other mineral deposits that may be found in the land, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same.

Safford, Ariz.  
Lands for municipal  
water purposes.

Payment.

Mineral reservation

Approved March 6, 1946.

## [CHAPTER 52]

## AN ACT

To authorize municipalities and public utility districts in the Territory of Alaska to issue revenue bonds for public-works purposes.

March 6, 1946  
[H. R. 3580]  
[Public Law 312]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That municipal corporations and public utility districts in the Territory of Alaska, acting by and through their governing bodies, are hereby authorized without other authority than is herein contained to construct, reconstruct, improve, extend, better, repair, equip, or acquire public works of permanent character which may be operated upon a revenue-producing basis, and, upon majority vote of the qualified voters in such municipal corporation or public utility district, to issue bonds for such purposes payable solely from unpledged revenue of the public works for which such bonds are issued, including future additions and improvements. Such public works shall include but not be limited to water facilities, sewers and sewage-disposal facilities, heating plants and distribution facilities, gas plants and distribution facilities, electric power and light plants, and distribution facilities.

Alaska.  
Issuance of bonds  
for public works.

SEC. 2. Bonds issued under this Act shall bear such date or dates, may be in such denominations, may mature in such amounts and at such time or times, may be payable at such place or places, may be sold at either public or private sale, may be redeemable (either with or without premium) or nonredeemable, may carry such registration privileges, and may be executed by such officers and in such manner as shall be prescribed by the governing body. In case any of the officers whose signatures appear on the bonds or coupons shall cease to be such officers before delivery of such bonds, such signatures, whether manual or facsimile shall, nevertheless, be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if such officers had remained in office until such delivery. The bonds so issued shall bear interest at a rate to be fixed by the governing body, not to exceed, however, 6 per centum per annum, payable annually or semiannually, and shall be sold for not less than the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest.

Signatures.

Interest.