

the account of the drawer" the phrase "or the account available for payment of the original check".

(d) Subsections (c) and (e) of section 3646 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, Supp. V, title 31, secs. 528 (c) and (e)), are respectively, further amended by deleting the phrase "before the close of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the original check was issued" and inserting in lieu thereof the phrase "prior to the expiration of ten years from the date on which the original check was issued".

(e) Subsection (f) of section 3646 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, Supp. V, title 31, sec. 528 (f)) is further amended to read as follows:

"(f) Substitutes issued under this section drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, except those for checks issued on account of public-debt obligations and transactions regarding the administration of banking and currency laws, shall be deemed to be original checks and shall be payable under the same conditions as original checks. Substitutes for checks issued on account of public-debt obligations and transactions regarding the administration of banking and currency laws shall be payable directly by the Treasurer of the United States without limitation of time."

(f) Subsection (g) of section 3646 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, Supp. V, title 31, sec. 528 (g)) is further amended by deleting the phrase "by any corporation or other entity" and inserting in lieu thereof "by any wholly owned or mixed-ownership Government corporation or by any entity".

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1947.

Approved July 11, 1947.

"Original check."

59 Stat. 592.

Effective date.

[CHAPTER 223]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain lands in Alaska to the city of Sitka, Alaska.

July 11, 1947
[H. R. 195]
[Public Law 172]

Sitka, Alaska.
Sale of lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to sell at their reasonably appraised value to the city of Sitka, Alaska, the following-described lands and improvements thereon: The tract of land formerly occupied by the Alaska Agricultural Experiment Station, more particularly shown on the official survey map of the city of Sitka as the United States Reserve for Agricultural Investigations and Weather Service.

Approved July 11, 1947.

[CHAPTER 224]

AN ACT

To transfer Blair County, Pennsylvania, from the middle judicial district of Pennsylvania to the western judicial district of Pennsylvania.

July 11, 1947
[H. R. 325]
[Public Law 173]

Blair County, Pa.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Blair County, Pennsylvania, of the middle judicial district of Pennsylvania, be, and it is hereby, detached from said judicial district and attached to the western judicial district of Pennsylvania: Provided, That the transfer herein provided shall not affect any case or proceedings now pending.

Approved July 11, 1947.

[CHAPTER 225]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of June 14, 1938, so as to authorize the Cairo Bridge Commission to issue its refunding bonds for the purpose of refunding the outstanding bonds issued by the commission to pay the cost of a certain toll bridge at or near Cairo, Illinois.

July 11, 1947
[H. R. 1610]
[Public Law 174]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Cairo Bridge Commission, or the successors of said commission, to acquire by purchase, and to improve, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Cairo, Illinois", approved June 14, 1938 (Public, Numbered 601, Seventy-fifth Congress, 52 Stat. 679), is amended to read as follows:

Cairo Bridge Commission.

"SEC. 5. The power granted to the commission by this Act to issue its negotiable bonds for the payment of the cost of said bridge and its approaches and the necessary lands, easements, and appurtenances thereto, shall include the power to refund said bonds, including the payment of any redemption premium thereon, by the issuance of negotiable refunding bonds of the commission, bearing interest at a lower rate or rates, in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the principal amount of outstanding bonds to be refunded plus the amount of the redemption premium payable on said outstanding bonds at the date of the redemption thereof. All of the provisions of sections 4 and 5 of said Act of April 13, 1934, relating to the bridge constructed, to the bonds issued, and to the trust agreement entered into under the authority of said Act, and relating to the collection of bridge tolls and to the application of such tolls, shall apply to the bridge acquired and to the bonds issued or to be issued under the authority of this Act."

Refunding of bonds.

48 Stat. 578.

Approved July 11, 1947.

[CHAPTER 226]

AN ACT

To authorize the establishment of a band in the Metropolitan Police force.

July 11, 1947
[H. R. 2470]
[Public Law 175]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be established in the Metropolitan Police Department a band to perform at such municipal or civic functions and events as may be authorized by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. The Major and Superintendent of Police is authorized in his discretion to detail, without additional compensation, such officers and members of the Metropolitan Police force as may request such a detail to participate in the activities of such band. The said Commissioners are authorized to employ, without reference to the civil-service laws, one director for such band with compensation at a rate not to exceed the rate of compensation to which a lieutenant in the Metropolitan Police force is entitled.

Metropolitan Police force band.

Director.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding the limitations of existing law, the said Commissioners may appoint to, and employ in, the position of director of such band, any retired officer of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, and such retired officer shall be entitled to receive, in addition to his retired pay, the compensation authorized by this Act to be paid to such director, such additional compensation to be payable from District of Columbia appropriations.

SEC. 3. Appropriations to carry out the purpose of this Act is hereby authorized.

Appropriations authorized.

Approved July 11, 1947.