

- (a) Section 1443, Revised Statutes (34 U. S. C. 381);
- (b) Section 1453, Revised Statutes (34 U. S. C. 417);
- (c) Section 1454, Revised Statutes (34 U. S. C. 418);
- (d) The last sentence of the second proviso of the second paragraph under the heading "Pay of the Navy" of the Act of May 13, 1908, as it appears on page 128, volume 35, of the Statutes at Large (34 U. S. C. 383).

SEC. 2. Section 2 of the Act of March 4, 1925 (43 Stat. 1270; 34 U. S. C. 1017), is hereby amended by changing the final period to a colon and adding the following: "Provided further, That all authority hereby vested in the President shall hereafter be exercised by the Secretary of the Navy with respect to commissioned officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps."

Approved June 17, 1948.

[CHAPTER 500]

AN ACT

To provide for the carrying of mail on star routes, and for other purposes.

June 19, 1948  
[S. 263]  
[Public Law 669]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 3951 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 39, sec. 434), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

Star mail routes.

"The Postmaster General may, in his discretion and in the interest of the postal service, notwithstanding the provisions of section 3949 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 39, sec. 429), by mutual agreement with the holder of any star-route contract, renew such contract at the rate prevailing at the end of the contract term, for additional terms of four years with such bond as may be required by the Postmaster General. Any such contract may be terminated at the end of any four-year term at the option of the Postmaster General or the contractor or terminated at any time by operation of any existing law.

Renewal of contract.

"The Postmaster General may, in his discretion and under such regulations as he may prescribe, with the consent of the contractor, and without regard to the provisions of sections 3958 and 3961 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 39, secs. 438 and 441), readjust the compensation of a star-route contractor for increased or decreased costs occasioned by changed conditions occurring during the contract term which could not reasonably have been anticipated at the time of making his original proposal or executing his bond for a renewed contract as provided herein."

Termination.

Readjustment of compensation.

39 U. S. C. §§ 438, 441.

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 501]

AN ACT

To further amend the thirteenth paragraph of section 127a of the National Defense Act, as amended.

June 19, 1948  
[S. 295]  
[Public Law 670]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the thirteenth paragraph of section 127a of the National Defense Act, as amended (10 U. S. C., Supp. V, 535), is further amended to read as follows:

National Defense Act, amendment.  
41 Stat. 786.  
10 U. S. C. § 535.

"The Secretary of the Army is hereby authorized to detail personnel of the Army of the United States, without regard to component, as students at such technical, professional, and other civilian educational institutions, or as students, observers, or investigators at such industrial plants, hospitals, and other places as shall be best suited to enable

Detail of personnel as students, etc.

such personnel to acquire knowledge or experience in the specialties in which it is deemed necessary that such personnel shall perfect themselves, and any officer or warrant officer who receives such instruction shall, immediately upon termination thereof, be ordered to active duty for a period at least equal to the duration of his period of instruction but not greater than four years, except that where the duration of such training is ninety days or less, such subsequent active duty may be at the discretion of the Secretary of the Army and only with the consent of the individual concerned: *Provided*, That no member of the National Guard or the Organized Reserve Corps shall be detailed as a student, observer, or investigator pursuant to the provisions of this Act nor be ordered to active duty as herein provided except with his own consent, and, in the case of a member of the National Guard of the United States, with the approval of the Governor or other appropriate authority of the State, Territory, or the District of Columbia, whichever is concerned: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of the Army may require that an enlisted man, prior to his detail pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph, shall be discharged and reenlisted in his component for a period of not less than three years; and the total length of detail of an enlisted man pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph shall not exceed 50 per centum of his enlistment period: *And provided further*, That at no time shall more than 8 per centum of the authorized commissioned officer strength, 8 per centum of the authorized warrant officer strength, or 2 per centum of the authorized enlisted strength of the Regular Army, or more than 8 per centum of the actual commissioned officer strength, 8 per centum of the actual warrant officer strength, or 2 per centum of the actual enlisted strength of all reserve components of the Army (including in the computation of the actual strength of each such class of reserve personnel persons in active or inactive duty status), be detailed as students pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph.”

**Consent of individual.**

**Discharge and re-enlistment.**

**Limitation on details.**

**Expenditures.** SEC. 2. All expenditures incident to the detail of personnel as students at such technical, professional, and other civilian educational institutions, or as students, observers, or investigators at such industrial plants, hospitals, and other places, as provided herein, shall be paid from any appropriated Department of the Army funds.

**Applicability.** SEC. 3. The provisions of the foregoing section shall be equally applicable to the Department of the Air Force: *Provided*, That all reference therein to the Secretary of the Army, the Department of the Army, the Regular Army, the National Guard of the United States, and the Army of the United States shall, insofar as they apply to the Department of the Air Force, be construed for the purpose of this section as referring to the Secretary of the Air Force, the Department of the Air Force, the United States Air Force, the Air National Guard, and the Air Force of the United States, respectively.

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 502]

AN ACT

To provide for the collection and publication of statistical information by the Bureau of the Census.

June 19, 1948  
[S. 554]  
[Public Law 671]

Censuses of manufacturers, trades, etc.  
Post, p. 1038.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That (a) the Director of the Bureau of the Census, hereinafter referred to as the Director and the Bureau, respectively, is authorized and directed to