

In determining the classes to which said special policemen shall be assigned in the Metropolitan police force they shall be given credit for the time they have served in their present positions, in the same manner and to the same extent as is now or may hereafter be given to the regular members of said police force.

Assignment to class on force.

The superintendent of police of the District of Columbia may, in his discretion, substitute other members of the Metropolitan police force for said special policemen at street railway crossings and intersections, and during such periods of substitution said special policemen shall perform whatever service may be assigned to them by said superintendent of police: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall be construed to amend, alter, or repeal the existing law relative to the payment of the compensation of the said special policemen now appointed or those that may hereafter be appointed.

Substitution of regular force to special duty.

*Proviso.*  
Pay not altered.

SEC. 13. That all laws and parts of laws to the extent that they are inconsistent with this Act are repealed.

Conflicting laws repealed.

Approved, September 1, 1916.

**CHAP. 434.**—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the appointment of a district judge, district attorney, and marshal for the western district of South Carolina, and for other purposes," approved March third, nineteen hundred and fifteen, so as to provide for terms of the district court to be held at Anderson, South Carolina.

September 1, 1916.  
[H. R. 13926.]  
[Public, No. 251.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section five of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the appointment of a district judge, district attorney, and marshal for the western district of South Carolina, and for other purposes," approved March third, nineteen hundred and fifteen, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

United States courts. South Carolina judicial districts. Vol. 38, p. 961.

"SEC. 5. That the terms of the district court for the eastern district shall be held at Charleston on the first Tuesday in June and December; at Columbia, on the third Tuesday in January and first Tuesday in November; at Florence, first Tuesday in March; and at Aiken, on the first Tuesday in April and October.

Terms of court. Eastern district. Vol. 38, p. 961, amended.

"Terms of the district court of the western district shall be held at Greenville on the first Tuesday in April and the first Tuesday in October; at Rock Hill, the second Tuesday in March and September; at Greenwood, the first Tuesday in February and November; and at Anderson, the fourth Tuesday in May and November.

Western district.

"The office of the clerks of the district court for the western district shall be at Greenville, and the office of the clerk of the district court for the eastern district shall be at Charleston."

Offices.

Approved, September 1, 1916.

**CHAP. 436.**—An Act To establish an eight-hour day for employees of carriers engaged in interstate and foreign commerce, and for other purposes.

September 3, 5, 1916.  
[H. R. 17700.]  
[Public, No. 252.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That beginning January first, nineteen hundred and seventeen, eight hours shall, in contracts for labor and service, be deemed a day's work and the measure or standard of a day's work for the purpose of reckoning the compensation for services of all employees who are now or may hereafter be employed by any common carrier by railroad, except railroads independently owned and operated not exceeding one hundred miles in length, electric street railroads, and electric interurban railroads, which is subject to the provisions of the Act of February fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, entitled "An Act to regulate

Eight hour standard workday. Established January 1, 1917, for train employees of interstate common carriers.

Exceptions.

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commerce," as amended, and who are now or may hereafter be actually engaged in any capacity in the operation of trains used for the transportation of persons or property on railroads, except railroads independently owned and operated not exceeding one hundred miles in length, electric street railroads, and electric interurban railroads, from any State or Territory of the United States or the District of Columbia to any other State or Territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, or from one place in a Territory to another place in the same Territory, or from any place in the United States to an adjacent foreign country, or from any place in the United States through a foreign country to any other place in the United States: *Provided*, That the above exceptions shall not apply to railroads though less than one hundred miles in length whose principal business is leasing or furnishing terminal or transfer facilities to other railroads, or are themselves engaged in transfers of freight between railroads or between railroads and industrial plants.

*Proviso.*  
Terminal or transfer lines not excepted.

Commission to investigate effects, etc., of Act.

Report.

Appropriation.

No reduction of wages pending report.

Punishment for violations.

SEC. 2. That the President shall appoint a commission of three, which shall observe the operation and effects of the institution of the eight-hour standard workday as above defined and the facts and conditions affecting the relations between such common carriers and employees during a period of not less than six months nor more than nine months, in the discretion of the commission, and within thirty days thereafter such commission shall report its findings to the President and Congress; that each member of the commission created under the provisions of this Act shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the President. That the sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and hereby is, appropriated, out of any money in the United States Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the necessary and proper expenses incurred in connection with the work of such commission, including salaries, per diem, traveling expenses of members and employees, and rent, furniture, office fixtures and supplies, books, salaries, and other necessary expenses, the same to be approved by the chairman of said commission and audited by the proper accounting officers of the Treasury.

SEC. 3. That pending the report of the commission herein provided for and for a period of thirty days thereafter the compensation of railway employees subject to this Act for a standard eight-hour workday shall not be reduced below the present standard day's wage, and for all necessary time in excess of eight hours such employees shall be paid at a rate not less than the pro rata rate for such standard eight-hour workday.

SEC. 4. That any person violating any provision of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned not to exceed one year, or both.

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[S. 5496.]

[Public, No. 253.]

Public lands,  
Minnesota drainage assessments, charges.

Patents to purchasers of unentered lands on paying Government price, etc.  
Vol. 35, p. 170, amended.

CHAP. 437.—An Act To amend sections five and six of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the drainage of certain lands in the State of Minnesota," approved May twentieth, nineteen hundred and eight.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section five of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the drainage of certain lands in the State of Minnesota," approved May twentieth, nineteen hundred and eight, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. That at any time after any sale of unentered lands has been made in the manner and for the purposes mentioned in this Act patent shall issue to the purchaser thereof upon payment to the receiver of the minimum price of \$1.25 per acre, or such other price