

to vote, or be permitted to vote, in the same or any other precinct at the same election.

United States residents for a year entitled to vote, if able to read or write English.

SEC. 7. That all citizens of the United States, twenty-one years of age and over, who are actual and bona fide residents of Alaska, and who have been such residents continuously during the entire year immediately preceding the election, and who have been such residents continuously for thirty days next preceding the election in the precinct in which they vote, and who are able to read and write the English language as herein prescribed and provided, and who are not barred from voting by any other provision of law, shall be qualified to vote at any of the elections herein mentioned.

Punishment for violations.

SEC. 8. That any person who violates any of the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment in jail for not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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CHAP. 364.—An Act Amending section 52 of the Judicial Code.

United States courts. Vol. 36, p. 1101, amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 52 of the Judicial Code be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding thereto the following:

Patent appeals. District of Columbia Supreme Court to issue writs, if adverse party in foreign country, etc. *Ante*, p. 1336. R. S., sec. 4918, p. 951.

“And upon the filing of a bill in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia wherein remedy is sought under section 4915 or section 4918 of the Revised Statutes, without seeking other remedy, if it shall appear that there is an adverse party residing in a foreign country, or adverse parties residing in a plurality of districts not embraced within the same State, the court shall have jurisdiction thereof and writs shall, unless the adverse party or parties voluntarily make appearance, be issued against all of the adverse parties with the force and effect and in the manner set forth in this section; provided that writs issued against parties residing in foreign countries pursuant to this section may be served by publication or otherwise as the court shall direct.”

Service by publication.

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CHAP. 365.—An Act To establish in the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce a Foreign Commerce Service of the United States, and for other purposes.

Foreign Commerce Service. Established in Department of Commerce. Grades of officers.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby established in the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce the Foreign Commerce Service of the United States (hereinafter referred to as the “foreign commerce service”), consisting of officers to be graded in the following order and to be known as commercial attachés, assistant commercial attachés, trade commissioners, and assistant trade commissioners.

Duties specified.

SEC. 2. Under the direction of the Secretary of Commerce (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”), the officers of the foreign commerce service shall—

Promotion of foreign commerce. Investigate, etc., commercial conditions abroad.

- (a) Promote the foreign commerce of the United States;
- (b) Investigate and report upon commercial and industrial conditions and activities in foreign countries which may be of interest to the United States;

(c) Perform such other duties as the Secretary may direct in connection with the promotion of the industries, trade, or commerce of the United States;

Other promotion duties as directed.

(d) Make such inspections of the foreign commerce service as the Secretary may direct.

Inspections of foreign commerce service.

SEC. 3. (a) The Secretary is authorized to appoint officers of the foreign commerce service, but only after eligibility has been determined by examinations held by the Civil Service Commission and the Department of Commerce in coordination, under regulations approved by the Civil Service Commission, except that the Secretary may, with the approval of the Civil Service Commission, appoint without such examination any person who, prior to the date on which this Act takes effect, has served, or has passed an examination for appointment, as commercial attaché, assistant commercial attaché, trade commissioner, division head, assistant trade commissioner, commercial agent, or special agent in the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

Appointments in, after civil service examinations.

Eligibility of present service in Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, without civil service examinations.

(b) The Secretary shall appoint each officer of the foreign commerce service to a grade specified in section 1, and to one of the following classes, and shall fix his compensation within the salary range specified for such class: Class 1, \$8,000 to \$10,000; class 2, \$6,000 to \$8,000; class 3, \$4,000 to \$6,000; class 4, \$3,000 to \$4,000; class 5, below \$3,000. In making appointments to a grade and class and in fixing compensation the Secretary shall take into consideration the examination and record of the officer and the post to which assigned, and the various commercial interests of the different sections of the country.

Classification and salaries of officers.

Considerations for appointments.

(c) The Secretary is authorized to promote or demote in grade or class, to increase or decrease within the salary range fixed for the class the compensation of, and to separate from the service officers of the foreign commerce service, but in so doing the Secretary shall take into consideration records of efficiency maintained under his direction.

Promotions and demotions authorized.

(d) Any officer of the foreign commerce service may be assigned for duty in the United States for a period of not more than three years without change in grade, class, or salary, or with such change as the Secretary may direct.

Period of assignments to duty in United States.

(e) The Secretary of Commerce is authorized, whenever he deems it would be in the public interest, to order to the United States on his statutory leave of absence any foreign commerce officer who has performed three years or more of continuous service abroad: *Provided*, That the expenses of transportation and subsistence of such officers and their immediate families, in traveling from their posts to their homes in the United States and return, shall be paid under the same rules and regulations applicable in the case of officers going to and returning from their posts under orders of the Secretary of Commerce when not on leave: *Provided further*, That while in the United States the services of such officers shall be available for trade conference work and for such other duties in the Department of Commerce and elsewhere in the United States as the Secretary of Commerce may prescribe.

Leave of absence in United States after three years' service abroad.

*Provisos.* Allowances of expenses of officers and families traveling home and returning to posts.

Available for prescribed duties while on leave.

SEC. 4. (a) Subject to the requirements of the civil service laws and rules, the Secretary is authorized to appoint, fix the compensation of, promote, demote, and separate from the service such clerks and other assistants for officers of the foreign commerce service as he may deem necessary.

Civil service appointments, etc., of clerks, etc., for officers.

(b) When authorized by the Secretary and in accordance with the regulations of the Civil Service Commission, officers of the foreign commerce service may employ in a foreign country, from time to time, fix the compensation of, and separate from the service such clerical and subclerical assistants as may be necessary.

Employment of clerical assistants, etc., authorized by officers abroad.

Officers to be attached to diplomatic missions by Department of State.

Arrangement if no mission in the country.

Assignments discretionary with Secretary of State.

Character as public minister not given.

Travel and subsistence allowance to officers on duty abroad while away from assigned posts.

Subsistence while attending trade gatherings, etc.

Officers may fix subsistence, etc., of clerical, etc., assistants.

Allowance while on duty in United States.

Designated Department of Commerce appropriations made available for purposes of this Act.

Authorized expenditures specified.

Advance payment authorized for leases, etc., abroad.

Act effective at once.

SEC. 5. (a) Any officer of the foreign commerce service designated by the Secretary of Commerce shall, through the Department of State, be regularly and officially attached to the diplomatic mission of the United States in the country in which he is to be stationed. If any such officer is to be stationed in a country in which there is no diplomatic mission of the United States, appropriate recognition and standing, with full facilities for discharging his official duties, may be arranged by the Department of State. The Secretary of State may reject the name of any such officer if in his judgment the assignment of such officer to the post designated would be prejudicial to the public policy of the United States.

(b) No officer of the foreign commerce service shall be considered as having the character of a public minister.

SEC. 6. (a) Any officer, clerk, employee, or assistant of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, while on duty outside the continental limits of the United States and away from the post to which he is assigned, shall be entitled to receive his necessary traveling expenses and his expenses incurred for subsistence, or per diem allowance in lieu thereof, in accordance with law, including, at the discretion of the Secretary, expenses for subsistence for the entire period while attending a trade gathering, congress, or conference, and, in any other case, for the entire period (but not exceeding sixty days) while remaining continuously in any one place.

(b) The Secretary may authorize any officer of the foreign commerce service to fix, in an amount not exceeding the allowance fixed for such officer, an allowance for actual subsistence, or a per diem allowance in lieu thereof, for any clerical or subclerical assistant employed by such officer under subdivision (b) of section 4.

(c) Any such officer, clerk, employee, or assistant, while on duty within the continental limits of the United States, shall be entitled to receive the traveling expenses and actual expenses incurred for subsistence, or per diem allowance in lieu thereof, authorized by law.

SEC. 7. Any appropriation available during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, and thereafter for the Department of Commerce for commercial attachés, or for promoting commerce in Europe and other areas, South or Central America, or the Far East, shall be available for carrying out the provisions of this Act, including the payment of salaries and compensation for personal services, in the District of Columbia or elsewhere, necessary janitor and messenger service, traveling and subsistence expenses and per diem allowances, the purchase of necessary furniture and equipment, stationery, and supplies, typewriting, adding, and computing and duplicating machines, accessories and repairs, the purchase of law books, books of reference and periodicals, foreign and domestic newspaper reports, documents, maps, plans, specifications, manuscripts, and all other necessary publications, the payment of rent outside the District of Columbia, and all other necessary incidental expenses. With the approval of the Secretary, an officer of the foreign commerce service may enter into leases for office quarters and may pay rent, telephone, subscriptions to publications, and other similar charges in advance in a foreign country where custom or practice requires payment in advance.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect upon its enactment.  
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