

SEC. 2. As regards medical and sanitary matters and all other work within the line of their professional duties, the members of the Navy Nurse Corps shall have authority in and about naval hospitals and other medical activities next after the commissioned officers of the Medical Corps and Dental Corps of the Navy. The Secretary of the Navy shall make the necessary regulations prescribing the rights and privileges conferred by such relative rank.

Authority.

Rights and privileges.

Money value of uniforms.

Proviso. Issue; cash payment in lieu.

Additional outdoor uniforms.

Proviso. Limitation.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Navy shall fix the money value of the uniforms which members of the Navy Nurse Corps are required to have upon their first appointment in the Navy: *Provided*, That he may authorize such uniforms to be issued in kind or, in lieu thereof, that payment in cash of the money value fixed in accordance with the foregoing be made to members so appointed, for the purchase of such uniforms;

SEC. 4. In time of war or when the Secretary of the Navy shall direct the wearing of uniforms at all times, he may fix the money value of additional outdoor uniforms which may be issued in kind to all members of the Navy Nurse Corps, or authorize payment in cash in lieu thereof for the purchase of such outdoor uniforms as may be prescribed by the United States Navy Uniform Regulations: *Provided*, That but one complete uniform outfit may be furnished to a member of the Navy Nurse Corps.

Approved, July 3, 1942.

[CHAPTER 486]

AN ACT

To suspend the requirement for the performance of annual labor on certain mining claims.

July 3, 1942
[H. R. 6295]
[Public Law 655]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provision of section 2324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States which requires that on each mining claim located after May 10, 1872, and until a patent has been issued therefor, not less than \$100 worth of labor shall be performed or improvements made during each year, shall be suspended as to all valid mining claims in the United States, including the Territory of Alaska, which are situated within the exterior limits of any area withdrawn by Executive order for purposes of national defense, and such suspension shall remain in force and effect until the end of the assessment year during which the order of withdrawal is vacated by the President or by Act of Congress. Where it is found necessary to utilize the surface of valid mining claims for purposes of national defense, the record holders thereof are authorized to enter into agreements providing for such use with any executive department or Federal agency exercising control or jurisdiction over the land.

Mining claims. Suspension of annual labor requirements. 30 U. S. C. § 28.

Ante, p. 271.

Alaska included.

Duration.

Use of surface.

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[CHAPTER 488]

AN ACT

To amend sections 12A and 19 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended.

July 7, 1942
[S. 2563]
[Public Law 656]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (a) of section 12A of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended (U. S. C., title 12, sec. 263), is amended by striking out the second and third sentences thereof and substituting the following: "Such representatives shall be presidents or first vice presidents of Federal Reserve

Federal Reserve Act, amendments. 49 Stat. 705. Federal Open Market Committee, election of representatives.

banks and, beginning with the election for the term commencing March 1, 1943, shall be elected annually as follows: One by the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, one by the boards of directors of the Federal Reserve Banks of Boston, Philadelphia, and Richmond, one by the boards of directors of the Federal Reserve Banks of Cleveland and Chicago, one by the boards of directors of the Federal Reserve Banks of Atlanta, Dallas, and St. Louis, and one by the boards of directors of the Federal Reserve Banks of Minneapolis, Kansas City, and San Francisco. In such elections each board of directors shall have one vote; and the details of such elections may be governed by regulations prescribed by the committee, which may be amended from time to time. An alternate to serve in the absence of each such representative shall likewise be a president or first vice president of a Federal Reserve bank and shall be elected annually in the same manner."

Regulations.

Alternates.

49 Stat. 706.

Reserve requirements of member banks, modification.

SEC. 2. The sixth paragraph of section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended (U. S. C., title 12, sec. 462b), is amended to read as follows:

"Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, upon the affirmative vote of not less than four of its members, in order to prevent injurious credit expansion or contraction, may by regulation change the requirements as to reserves to be maintained against demand or time deposits or both (1) by member banks in central reserve cities or (2) by member banks in reserve cities or (3) by member banks not in reserve or central reserve cities or (4) by all member banks; but the amount of the reserves required to be maintained by any such member bank as a result of any such change shall not be less than the amount of the reserves required by law to be maintained by such bank on the date of enactment of the Banking Act of 1935 nor more than twice such amount."

Limitation.

40 Stat. 239.

Use of reserve balance.

SEC. 3. The ninth paragraph of section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended (U. S. C., title 12, sec. 464), is amended by striking out the proviso thereof, so that the paragraph will read as follows:

"The required balance carried by a member bank with a Federal Reserve bank may, under the regulations and subject to such penalties as may be prescribed by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, be checked against and withdrawn by such member bank for the purpose of meeting existing liabilities."

Approved, July 7, 1942.

[CHAPTER 489]

AN ACT

July 7, 1942
[H. R. 6702]
[Public Law 657]

To provide for the appointment of a district judge for the northern district of California in order to fill a vacancy in the office of an additional district judge heretofore authorized for such district.

Northern District of California.
Appointment of judge.

44 Stat. 1372.
28 U. S. C., Supp. I,
§ 1.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a district judge for the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of California in order to fill the vacancy in the office of the district judge appointed for such district under authority of the Act of March 3, 1927, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to fill any subsequent vacancy in such office.

Approved, July 7, 1942.