

## [CHAPTER 907]

## AN ACT

To facilitate and simplify the administration of Indian affairs.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That for the purpose of facilitating and simplifying the administration of the laws governing Indian affairs, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to delegate, from time to time, and to the extent and under such regulations as he deems proper, his powers and duties under said laws to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, insofar as such powers and duties relate to action in individual cases arising under general regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to law. Subject to the supervision and direction of the Secretary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to delegate, in like manner, any powers and duties so delegated to him by the Secretary, or vested in him by law, to the assistant commissioners, or the officer in charge of any branch, division, office, or agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, insofar as such powers and duties relate to action in individual cases arising under general regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior or the Commissioner of Indian Affairs pursuant to law. Such delegated powers shall be exercised subject to appeal to the Secretary, under regulations to be prescribed by him, or, as from time to time determined by him, to the Under Secretary or to an Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior, or to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. The Secretary or the Commissioner, as the case may be, may at any time revoke the whole or any part of a delegation made pursuant to this Act, but no such revocation shall be given retroactive effect. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to abrogate or curtail any authority to make delegations conferred by any other provision of law, nor shall anything in this Act be deemed to convey authority to delegate any power to issue regulations.

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Commissioner of Indian Affairs.  
Delegation of powers and duties.

Revocation.

## [CHAPTER 908]

## AN ACT

To amend the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, to provide annuities for certain officers and employees who have rendered at least twenty-five years of service.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1 of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

“(e) Any officer or employee to whom this Act applies who, after having attained the age of fifty-five and after having rendered at least twenty-five years of service computed as prescribed in section 5 of this Act,

“(1) shall have been involuntarily separated from the service not by removal for cause on charges of misconduct or delinquency between July 1, 1945, and June 30, 1947, both dates inclusive; or

“(2) shall have been voluntarily separated from the service between such dates if such officer or employee had accepted a position with a lower rate of basic salary, pay, or compensation after having been involuntarily separated (not by removal for cause on charges of misconduct or delinquency) between such dates from a position with a higher rate of basic salary, pay, or compensation, and was receiving less than such higher rate at the time of his voluntary separation,

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46 Stat. 468.  
5 U. S. C., Supp.  
V, § 691.  
Annuity after 25  
years' service.

46 Stat. 472.  
5 U. S. C. § 707;  
Supp. V, § 707.

shall be paid an immediate life annuity beginning on the first day of the month following the date of final separation from the service. Such annuity shall have a value equal to an annuity computed as provided in section 4 of this Act reduced by one-sixth of 1 per centum for each full month any such officer or employee is (A) under the age of sixty years if he has rendered at least thirty years of service computed as prescribed in section 5 of this Act, or (B) under the age of sixty-two years if he has rendered less than thirty years of service computed as prescribed in section 5 of this Act."

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46 Stat. 471.  
5 U. S. C. § 698;  
Supp. V, § 698.

[CHAPTER 909]

AN ACT

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[H. R. 4769]  
[Public Law 689]

To amend section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to collect and publish statistics of the grade and staple length of cotton".

Cotton statistics.

*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 authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to collect and publish statistics of the grade and staple length of cotton", approved March 3, 1927, be amended to read as follows:

44 Stat. 1373.  
7 U. S. C. § 475.  
Reports.

"SEC. 5. That, of the reports issued by the Secretary of Agriculture, pursuant to the Act entitled 'An Act authorizing the Department of Agriculture to issue semimonthly cotton crop reports and providing for their publication simultaneously with the ginning reports of the Department of Commerce', approved May 3, 1924, only five shall be issued hereafter, one as of August 1, one as of September 1, one as of October 1, one as of November 1, and one as of December 1, each of which shall state the condition and progress of the crop and the probable number of bales which will be ginned, these reports to be issued simultaneously with the cotton-ginning reports of the Bureau of the Census relating to the same dates, the two reports to be issued from the same place at 11 antemeridian of the eighth day following that to which the respective reports relate. When such date of release falls on Sunday, a legal holiday, or other day which pursuant to statute or Executive order is a nonworkday in the Department of Agriculture at Washington generally, the report shall be issued at 11 o'clock antemeridian of the next succeeding workday."

43 Stat. 115.  
7 U. S. C. § 475.

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[CHAPTER 910]

AN ACT

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[H. R. 5223]  
[Public Law 690]

To extend temporarily the time for filing applications for patents, for taking action in the United States Patent Office with respect thereto, for preventing proof of acts abroad with respect to the making of an invention, and for other purposes.

Patents.  
Rights of priority  
for filing applications.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the rights of priority provided by section 4887 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 35, sec. 32), as amended, for the filing of applications for patent for inventions, discoveries, and designs, which rights had not expired on the 8th day of September 1939, or which rights have arisen since the 8th day of September 1939, shall be, and the same are hereby, extended until the expiration of a period of twelve months from the passage of this Act in favor of the citizens of the United States and of citizens or subjects of all countries which have extended, or which now extend or which within said period of twelve months shall extend substantially reciprocal privileges to citizens of the United States, and such