

## [CHAPTER 221]

## AN ACT

July 11, 1947  
[S. 980]  
[Public Law 170]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to define the area of the United States Capitol Grounds, to regulate the use thereof, and for other purposes", approved July 31, 1946.

U. S. Capitol  
Grounds.

60 Stat. 720.  
40 U. S. C. § 212b(b).

Promulgation of reg-  
ulations.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 14 (b) of the Act entitled "An Act to define the area of the United States Capitol Grounds, to regulate the use thereof, and for other purposes", approved July 31, 1946 (60 Stat. 718), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(b) Regulations authorized to be promulgated under this section shall be promulgated by the Capitol Police Board and such regulations may be amended from time to time by the Capitol Police Board whenever it shall deem it necessary: *Provided,* That until such regulations are promulgated and become effective, the traffic regulations of the District of Columbia shall be applicable to the United States Capitol Grounds."

60 Stat. 720.  
40 U. S. C. § 212b(c).

Publication of regu-  
lations.

SEC. 2. Section 14 (c) of said Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(c) All regulations promulgated under the authority of this section shall, when adopted by the Capitol Police Board, be printed in one or more of the daily newspapers published in the District of Columbia, and shall not become effective until the expiration of ten days after the date of such publication, except that whenever the Capitol Police Board deems it advisable to make effective immediately any regulation relating to parking, diverting of vehicular traffic, or the closing of streets to such traffic, the regulation shall be effective immediately upon placing at the point where it is to be in force conspicuous signs containing a notice of the regulation. Any expenses incurred under this subsection shall be payable from the appropriation 'Uniforms and Equipment, Capitol Police.'"

Approved July 11, 1947.

## [CHAPTER 222]

## AN ACT

July 11, 1947  
[S. 1316]  
[Public Law 171]

To establish a procedure for facilitating the payment of certain Government checks, and for other purposes.

Payment of certain  
Government checks,  
etc.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, with the exception of checks issued on account of public-debt obligations and transactions regarding the administration of banking and currency laws, the amounts of all original and substitute checks drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, including those drawn by wholly owned and mixed-ownership Government corporations, or drawn by authorized officers of the United States on designated depositaries, which have not been paid prior to the close of the fiscal year next following the fiscal year in which the checks were issued, shall be transferred from the account of the drawer or the account then available for the payment thereof to a special-deposit account or accounts on the books of the Treasurer of the United States.

(b) With the exception of checks issued on account of public-debt obligations and transactions regarding the administration of banking and currency laws, any original or any substitute checks heretofore or hereafter drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, including those drawn by wholly owned and mixed-ownership Government corporations, or drawn by authorized officers of the United States on designated depositaries which have not been paid prior to the close of the fiscal

year next following the fiscal year in which the checks were issued and checks issued in payment of claims settled by the General Accounting Office on account of any of such checks shall be payable from the special-deposit account or accounts established pursuant to this section: *Provided*, That in the following classes of cases any original or substitute check shall be payable from the special-deposit account or accounts only after settlement by the General Accounting Office: (1) Where the check is drawn on a designated depository, (2) where the owner or holder of the check has died or is incompetent, (3) where on presentation of the check for payment the Treasurer of the United States is on notice of a doubtful question of law or fact, and (4) where the check is over ten years old: *And provided further*, That the limitation imposed in respect to certain claims or demands against the United States by the Act of October 9, 1940 (54 Stat. 1061; U. S. C., title 31, secs. 71a, 237), shall not be deemed to apply to original or substitute checks heretofore or hereafter drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, including those drawn by wholly owned and mixed-ownership Government corporations, or drawn by authorized officers of the United States on designated depositories, but nothing contained in this Act shall be deemed to affect the limitation imposed in respect to claims on account of certain checks by section 2 of the Act of June 22, 1926 (44 Stat. 761; U. S. C., title 31, sec. 122).

SEC. 2. The balances deposited to the credit of the outstanding-liabilities account of any fiscal year pursuant to section 21 of the Permanent Appropriation Repeal Act, 1934 (48 Stat. 1235; U. S. C., title 31, sec. 725t), and which have not been covered into the surplus fund of the Treasury shall be transferred to the foregoing special-deposit account or accounts and together with the amounts transferred thereto under the provisions of section 1 shall be available to pay any check payable from such account or accounts.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to take such action as may be necessary to transfer at appropriate intervals from the foregoing special-deposit account or accounts to the appropriate receipt account or accounts on the books of the Treasury any amounts not required to effect the purposes of this Act and with the concurrence of the Comptroller General to make such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary or proper for the administration of the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. (a) Sections 306, 307, 308, 309, and 310 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended (U. S. C., title 31, secs. 149, 150, 151, 152, 153), and section 21 of the Permanent Appropriation Repeal Act, 1934 (48 Stat. 1235; U. S. C., title 31, section 725t), are hereby repealed.

(b) Section 5 of the Act of July 1, 1916, as amended (U. S. C., title 31, sec. 154), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"At the termination of each fiscal year the General Accounting Office shall report to the Secretary of the Treasury all checks issued by any disbursing officer of the Government or its wholly owned or mixed-ownership corporations, as shown by his accounts rendered to the General Accounting Office, or otherwise, which shall then have been outstanding and unpaid for one full fiscal year after the fiscal year in which issued, stating in such report the date, number, and amount of each check and the symbol on which it was drawn."

(c) Subsection (a) of section 3646 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, Supp. V, title 31, sec. 528 (a)) is further amended by deleting the phrase "before the close of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the original check was issued" and inserting in lieu thereof the phrase "prior to the expiration of ten years from the date on which the original check was issued" and by inserting immediately following the phrase "from

Checks payable after settlement by GAO.

Nonapplicability of certain limitations.

Transfer of balances.

Transfer of funds.

Rules and regulations.

Repeals.

39 Stat. 336.

Report by GAO.

Issuance of substitute checks.

the account of the drawer" the phrase "or the account available for payment of the original check".

(d) Subsections (c) and (e) of section 3646 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, Supp. V, title 31, secs. 528 (c) and (e)), are respectively, further amended by deleting the phrase "before the close of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the original check was issued" and inserting in lieu thereof the phrase "prior to the expiration of ten years from the date on which the original check was issued".

(e) Subsection (f) of section 3646 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, Supp. V, title 31, sec. 528 (f)) is further amended to read as follows:

"(f) Substitutes issued under this section drawn on the Treasurer of the United States, except those for checks issued on account of public-debt obligations and transactions regarding the administration of banking and currency laws, shall be deemed to be original checks and shall be payable under the same conditions as original checks. Substitutes for checks issued on account of public-debt obligations and transactions regarding the administration of banking and currency laws shall be payable directly by the Treasurer of the United States without limitation of time."

(f) Subsection (g) of section 3646 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, Supp. V, title 31, sec. 528 (g)) is further amended by deleting the phrase "by any corporation or other entity" and inserting in lieu thereof "by any wholly owned or mixed-ownership Government corporation or by any entity".

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1947.

Approved July 11, 1947.

"Original check."

59 Stat. 592.

Effective date.

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[H. R. 195]  
[Public Law 172]

Sitka, Alaska.  
Sale of lands.

[CHAPTER 223]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain lands in Alaska to the city of Sitka, Alaska.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to sell at their reasonably appraised value to the city of Sitka, Alaska, the following-described lands and improvements thereon: The tract of land formerly occupied by the Alaska Agricultural Experiment Station, more particularly shown on the official survey map of the city of Sitka as the United States Reserve for Agricultural Investigations and Weather Service.

Approved July 11, 1947.

[CHAPTER 224]

AN ACT

To transfer Blair County, Pennsylvania, from the middle judicial district of Pennsylvania to the western judicial district of Pennsylvania.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Blair County, Pennsylvania, of the middle judicial district of Pennsylvania, be, and it is hereby, detached from said judicial district and attached to the western judicial district of Pennsylvania: *Provided,* That the transfer herein provided shall not affect any case or proceedings now pending.

Approved July 11, 1947.

July 11, 1947  
[H. R. 325]  
[Public Law 173]

Blair County, Pa.