

Election of national officers.

SEC. 13. The following national officers of the said corporation shall be elected by the chosen delegates thereof in annual national conventions, each official delegate casting one vote, to wit: National commander and seven national vice commanders, one of whom shall be a woman; finance officer, adjutant, judge advocate, and provost marshal.

Records of account, etc.

SEC. 14. The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, executive committee, and committees having any of the authority of the executive committee; and shall keep at its registered office or principal office a record giving the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote; and permit all books and records of the corporation to be inspected by any member or his agent or his attorney for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

Inspection of books and records.

Shares of stock, etc.

SEC. 15. The corporation shall not have or issue shares of stock, nor declare or pay dividends.

Loans to officers.

SEC. 16. No loan shall be made by the corporation to its officers or directors, or any of them, and any directors of the corporation who vote for or assent to the making of a loan or advance to an officer or director of the corporation, and any officer or officers participating in the making of any such loan or advance, shall be jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of such loan until the repayment thereof.

Right to use name, etc.

SEC. 17. The corporation and its State, regional, and local subdivisions shall have the sole and exclusive right to have and use in carrying out its purposes the name AMVETS (American Veterans of World War II), and such seals, emblems, and badges as the corporation may lawfully adopt.

Notification of name, etc., of authorized agent.

SEC. 18. As a condition precedent to the exercise of any power or privilege herein granted or conferred AMVETS (American Veterans of World War II) shall serve notice on the secretary of state, in each State, of the name and address of an authorized agent in such State upon whom legal process or demands against this corporation may be served.

SEC. 19. Such provisions, privileges, and prerogatives as have been granted heretofore to other national veterans' organizations by virtue of their being incorporated by Congress are hereby granted and accrue to AMVETS (American Veterans of World War II).

SEC. 20. The right to repeal, alter, or amend this Act at any time is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved July 23, 1947.

[CHAPTER 299]

AN ACT

July 23, 1947  
[H. R. 2167]  
[Public Law 217]

To authorize the inclusion within the Angostura unit of the Missouri Basin project of certain lands owned by the United States.

Missouri Basin project.  
Angostura unit.

53 Stat. 1418.

40 U. S. C. §§ 401-414.

50 Stat. 525.

*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 authorized to add to and make a part of the Angostura unit of the Missouri Basin project, situated in Custer and Fall River Counties, South Dakota, and established pursuant to the provisions of the Act of August 11, 1939, as amended (16 U. S. C. (and Supp.) 590y-590z-11), any lands of the United States acquired under the provisions of the National Industrial Recovery Act, approved June 16, 1933 (48 Stat. 195), the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act, approved April 8, 1935 (49 Stat. 115), or title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm-Tenant Act, approved July 22, 1937 (7 U. S. C. 1010-1013), within the Bad Lands-Fall River land utilization project, administered by the Secretary of Agriculture, which are found to

be suitable for such transfer. All lands so added to and made a part of the Angostura unit shall thereafter be subject to all laws applicable to agricultural lands acquired under the provisions of section 5 (a) of the Act of August 11, 1939, as amended (16 U. S. C. 590z-3 (a)); the costs incurred by the United States in acquiring such lands, as well as the costs incurred in the improvement thereof for irrigation purposes, shall be returned in the same manner as though such lands had been acquired under the provisions of said section 5 (a).

Approved July 23, 1947.

54 Stat. 1122.

[CHAPTER 300]

AN ACT

To provide secretaries for circuit and district judges.

July 23, 1947  
[H. R. 2746]  
[Public Law 218]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That each circuit judge and each district judge may appoint a secretary, and each senior circuit judge and each senior district judge in districts having five or more district judges may also appoint an assistant secretary, who shall, subject to appropriations to be made by the Congress, receive compensation to be fixed from time to time by the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States courts and shall be reimbursed for their actual traveling expenses and expenses incurred for subsistence, within the limitations prescribed by law, when necessarily absent from their designated posts of duty on official business.

Compensation; ex-  
penses.

SEC. 2. Within the meaning of this Act the District of Columbia shall be deemed to be both a circuit and a district, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia a circuit court of appeals, and the chief justice and associate justices of that court the senior circuit judge and circuit judges thereof, and the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia a district court, and the chief justice and associate justices of that court the senior district judge and district judges thereof.

District of Colum-  
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[CHAPTER 301]

AN ACT

To integrate certain personnel of the former Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation and the Bureau of Customs into the Regular Coast Guard, to establish the permanent commissioned personnel strength of the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

July 23, 1947  
[H. R. 3494]  
[Public Law 219]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the total number of commissioned officers, including permanent, temporary, temporary service, and Reserve officers on active duty, and excluding chief warrant officers, on the active list of the Coast Guard shall not exceed two thousand two hundred and fifty. Included in this number shall be the sixty-one extra numbers in rank which under existing law operate to increase the authorized number of line officers upon separation or retirement of the person holding that number, the five professors authorized by existing law who shall not be considered as extra numbers in rank, and the extra numbers in rank authorized by this Act. The commissioned officers shall be distributed in the ranks of rear admiral, captain, commander, lieutenant commander, lieutenant, lieutenant (junior grade), and ensign in the same percentages as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by statute for the Navy. To determine the authorized

Coast Guard.  
Authorized number  
of officers.

Distribution.

Computation.