

[CHAPTER 714]

AN ACT

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[Public Law 816]

To provide for a Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy and for a Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy, and for other purposes.

U. S. Naval and
Military Academies.
Boards of Visitors.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be appointed on or before the last day of every year a Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy and a Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy.

Composition.

SEC. 2. Each Board shall be constituted as follows:

(a) The chairman of the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate or his designee;

(b) Three other Members of the Senate to be appointed by the Vice President or President pro tempore of the Senate, two of whom shall be members of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

(c) The chairman of the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives or his designee;

(d) Four other Members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two of whom shall be members of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives; and

(e) Six persons to be appointed by the President. The first Board to be appointed pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall, with respect to the nine Presidential appointees, consist of two persons appointed to serve for a period of one year, two persons appointed to serve for a period of two years, and two persons appointed to serve for a period of three years. Two Presidential appointees shall be appointed to each subsequent Board to serve for a period of three years.

Death or resignation
of board member.

SEC. 3. In case of the death or resignation of a member of a Board during the term for which such member was appointed, a successor shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of the term. Such successor shall be appointed by the official, or his successor, who appointed the member who died or resigned.

Visits to Academies.

SEC. 4. Each Board shall visit the respective Academy for which it is appointed once annually in April, and each Board or the individual members thereof may, with the approval of the Secretary of the Navy or the Secretary of the Army, as the case may be, make such other visits on matters pertaining to the duties of the Board, or for purposes of consulting with the respective Superintendents of the Academies, as the Board or its members may determine to be desirable.

Duties.

SEC. 5. (a) It shall be the duty of each Board to inquire into the state of morale and discipline, curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and other matters relating to the Academy concerned which the Board may decide to consider.

Report to President.

(b) Each Board shall, within sixty days after the meeting designated as the annual visit, submit a written annual report to the President regarding its action as such Board, together with its views and recommendations pertaining to the Academy concerned. Any report based on a visit other than the annual visit shall be submitted by the originator or originators thereof to the President within sixty days after approval of said report by at least a majority of the members of the Board.

Consultation with
advisers.

(c) Each Board is authorized to call into consultation upon prior approval of the Secretary of the Navy or the Secretary of the Army, as the case may be, such advisers as it may deem necessary or advisable to effectuate the duties imposed upon it by the provisions of this Act.

Compensation.

SEC. 6. (a) Each member of each Board shall receive not more than

\$5 per day and be reimbursed under Government travel regulations for actual expenses of travel while performing duties as a member of either Board.

(b) Advisers called for consultation by either Board in connection with the business of the Board shall be compensated in the same manner as members of the Boards in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

SEC. 7. That part of the Act of August 29, 1916, entitled "An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for other purposes", which relates to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy (39 Stat. 608) and reads as follows: "From and after the passage of this Act there shall be appointed every year, in the following manner, a Board of Visitors, to visit the academy, the date of the annual visit of the board aforesaid to be fixed by the Secretary of the Navy: Seven persons shall be appointed by the President and four Senators and five Members of the House of Representatives shall be designated as visitors by the Vice President or President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively, in the month of January of each year. The chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs of the Senate and chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs of the House of Representatives shall be ex officio members of said board.

"Each member of said board shall receive while engaged upon duties as a member of the board not to exceed \$5 a day and actual expenses of travel by the shortest mail routes", is hereby repealed.

SEC. 8. (a) So much of the provision of the Act of August 9, 1912, entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and for other purposes", which provides as follows: "Provided, That the Act approved May twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and eight, be amended and reenacted so as to read as follows: That hereafter the Board of Visitors to the Military Academy shall consist of five members of the Committee on Military Affairs of the Senate and seven members of the Committee on Military Affairs of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the respective chairmen thereof; the members so appointed shall visit the Military Academy annually at such time as the chairman of said committees shall appoint, and the members from each of said committees may visit said academy together or separately as the said committees may elect during the session of Congress; and the superintendent of the academy and the members of the Board of Visitors shall be notified of such date by the chairmen of the said committees. The expenses of the members of the board shall be their actual expenses while engaged upon their duties as members of said board not to exceed five dollars per day and their actual expenses of travel by the shortest mail routes" is hereby repealed.

(b) The Act of May 17, 1928, entitled "An Act to provide for the membership of the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy, and for other purposes" (45 Stat. 597), is hereby repealed.

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[CHAPTER 715]

AN ACT

Relating to the arming of American vessels.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That during time of war or national emergency the President is authorized, through such

Compensation of advisers.

Repeals.

34 U. S. C. § 1081.

37 Stat. 257.
10 U. S. C. §§ 1051,
1053.
35 Stat. 436.

10 U. S. C. §§ 1052a,
1054a.

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Arming of American vessels.