

SEC. 3. That valid mining claims within the said lands, existing on the date of the enactment of this Act, and thereafter maintained in compliance with the law under which they were initiated and the laws of the State of New Mexico, may be perfected under this Act, or under the laws under which they were initiated, as the claimant may desire.

Approved June 10, 1949.

Valid mining claims.

[CHAPTER 191]

AN ACT

To amend the Agricultural Act of 1948.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 (a) of title I of the Agricultural Act of 1948 (Public Law 897, Eightieth Congress) is amended by inserting, following the date "June 30, 1950," a parenthetical clause reading as follows: "(September 30, 1950, in the case of Maryland and the cigar-leaf types of tobacco)".

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[S. 715]
[Public Law 95]

62 Stat. 1247.
7 U. S. C., Supp. II,
§ 1282 note.

[CHAPTER 192]

AN ACT

To authorize the appointment of officers on the active list of the Philippine Scouts in the Regular Army, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That until a date one year following the date of enactment of this Act, and within the authorized active list commissioned officer strength of the Regular Army, the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, is authorized to appoint officers on the active list of the Philippine Scouts, who were appointed therein prior to June 30, 1933, and who are or become citizens of the United States prior to appointment hereunder, in the Regular Army in the same commissioned officer grades are held by such officers in the Philippine Scouts at the time of appointment.

SEC. 2. The names of officers so appointed shall be entered on the Army promotion list in their permanent grades, precedence within grades being fixed in accordance with their relative permanent grade seniority among themselves and among Army promotion-list officers at the time of appointment.

SEC. 3. All active Federal service performed as commissioned officers of the Philippine Scouts by officers appointed under this Act shall be creditable as active commissioned service as officers of the Regular Army for all purposes: *Provided,* That their positions on the promotion list shall be determined as provided in section 2 hereof.

SEC. 4. The acceptance of appointments in the Regular Army under this Act shall operate to vacate the military status in the Philippine Scouts theretofore occupied by each of the appointees.

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[Public Law 96]

Philippine Scouts.
Appointment of officers
in Regular Army.

Service credit.

Acceptance of appointments.

[CHAPTER 193]

AN ACT

Removing certain restrictions and conditions imposed by section 2 of the Act of May 27, 1936, on certain of the lands conveyed by such Act to the city of Charleston, South Carolina; and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) with respect to the restrictions and conditions required by section 2 of the

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[Public Law 97]

Charleston, S. C.
Removal of restrictions
on certain lands.

49 Stat. 1387.

U. S. easements and rights-of-way.

Conveyance.

Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to convey the Charleston Army Base Terminal to the city of Charleston, South Carolina", approved May 27, 1936 (prohibiting the city of Charleston from transferring title to the property conveyed under such Act and reserving a right to the United States to retake such property in the event of a national emergency), to be included in the deed executed pursuant to the provisions of such Act the Secretary of the Army is hereby authorized and directed to release to the city of Charleston, South Carolina, by an appropriate written instrument, such restrictions and conditions so far as they pertain to the area designated as "tract numbered 2—part 1", comprising approximately two hundred seventy-eight and ninety-two one-hundredths acres, on the map on file in the Office, Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, entitled "Tract No. 2, Portion of Charleston Ordnance Depot, North Charleston, S. C., Date: 2 Feb. 1949, Drawing Number RE-1/372 (Rev.), as further revised 9 Feb. 1949."

(b) In executing the written instrument referred to in subsection (a) the Secretary of the Army is authorized and directed to make provision for reservation and/or conveyance to the United States of all easements and rights-of-way (including use of water and sewer mains) that are now enjoyed by the United States with respect to such tract and are deemed necessary for retention by the Secretary of the Army, subject to the provision that any such easements and rights-of-way (including use of water and sewer mains) as may at any time, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army, be no longer required for governmental use may be abandoned, and upon such abandonment will automatically terminate. Such instrument shall recite that with respect to that certain water main which intersects the northwesterly corner of the above-described premises, the City Council of Charleston, South Carolina, its successors, or assigns, may with the written consent of the Secretary of the Army, relocate at its sole cost and expense such water main on other lands and that in such event all rights and privileges now enjoyed by the United States with respect to such water main shall cease and terminate.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Army is authorized to convey by quitclaim deed to the City Council of Charleston, South Carolina, all or any part of the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to so much of that certain tract of land comprising one and two hundred and five one-thousandths acres, more or less, and designated as tract 5, exception "C", on the drawing described in the first section of this Act, as the Secretary of the Army determines is no longer needed for military purposes. Any conveyance executed pursuant to the authority contained in this section shall be made upon payment by the City Council of Charleston, South Carolina, of the fair market value of the property to be conveyed.

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[CHAPTER 194]

AN ACT

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[Public Law 98]

To enable certain former officers or employees of the United States separated from the service subsequent to January 23, 1942, to elect to forfeit their rights to civil-service retirement annuities and to obtain in lieu thereof returns of their contributions with interest.

Civil Service Retirement Act, 1930, amendment,
46 Stat. 475,
5 U. S. C., Supp. II,
§ 736c,
Post, p. 476.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last paragraph of section 8 of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, is amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof a colon and the following: "*Provided*, That any such officer