

or employee who has completed less than twenty years' civilian service may elect to forfeit his right to such annuity and elect to receive in lieu thereof the amount credited to his individual account together with interest compounded on December 31 of each year at the rate of 4 per centum to the date of his separation or December 31, 1947, whichever may be the earlier, and at the rate of 3 per centum for any period thereafter before April 1, 1948: *Provided further*, That if the separation of such officer or employee was involuntary, not by removal for cause on charges of misconduct or delinquency, the total amount of deductions, with such interest, shall be returned."

Approved June 10, 1949.

## [CHAPTER 195]

## AN ACT

To provide for more effective conservation in the arid and semiarid areas of the United States, and for other purposes.

June 10, 1949  
[H. R. 3181]  
[Public Law 99]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That, in order to provide for more effective accomplishment of the purposes of the Act entitled "An Act to promote conservation in the arid and semiarid areas of the United States by aiding in the development of facilities for water storage and utilization", approved August 28, 1937, as amended (50 Stat. 869; 16 U. S. C. 590r-x; 54 Stat. 1124, 16 U. S. C. 590z-5), section 7 of the Act relating to water conservation and utilization projects in the Great Plains and the arid and semiarid areas of the United States approved October 14, 1940 (54 Stat. 1124; 16 U. S. C. 590z-5), is hereby amended by striking the figures "\$50,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "\$100,000".

Arid and semiarid  
areas.

Approved June 10, 1949.

## [CHAPTER 196]

## AN ACT

Authorizing the transfer of a certain tract of land in the Robinson Remount Station to the city of Crawford, Nebraska, and for other purposes.

June 13, 1949  
[S. 314]  
[Public Law 100]

*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 transfer by quitclaim deed to the city of Crawford, Nebraska, the following-described tract of land lying within the Robinson Remount Station, Fort Robinson, Dawes County, Nebraska: Beginning at the northwest corner of the tract of land conveyed to the city of Crawford for public-park purposes by the Act of Congress approved June 25, 1906 (34 Stat. 461); thence west along the north line of the said station a distance of one thousand one hundred and seventy-five feet; thence south three hundred and six feet; thence south twenty-seven degrees fifty-two minutes east to the westerly boundary line of the present park, the point of intersection being approximately two thousand six hundred and fifteen feet south of the starting point; thence north two thousand six hundred and fifteen feet to point of beginning, containing an area of approximately forty-three and fifty-seven one-hundredths acres: *Provided*, That the city of Crawford shall pay 50 per centum of the appraised fair market value of the property as determined by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Crawford, Nebr.  
Transfer of land.

SEC. 2. Said Secretary is hereby authorized to grant to the city of Crawford, Nebraska, a permanent easement across the lands of the United States comprising the Robinson Remount Station, Fort Robinson, Dawes County, Nebraska, for a pipe line to carry water from

Easement for pipe  
line.

the White River to the filters and purification plants of the city, which easement shall include all rights and privileges now enjoyed by the city under a revokable license to maintain such pipe line across such lands of the United States.

Use of land.

SEC. 3. The tract of land authorized to be transferred by the first section of this Act shall be used by the grantee for purposes of a public park and recreational site or golf course or for similar and related purposes. If the grantee shall fail or cease to use such tract for such purposes, or shall alienate or attempt to alienate such lands, title thereto shall revert to the United States.

Approved June 13, 1949.

[CHAPTER 197]

AN ACT

June 13, 1949  
[H. R. 1158]  
[Public Law 101]

To provide for the conveyance by the United States to the city of Marfa, Texas, of certain lands formerly owned by that city.

Marfa, Tex.  
Conveyance.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the War Assets Administrator is authorized and directed to convey to the city of Marfa, Texas, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to all of those parcels of land which were conveyed by the city of Marfa, Texas, to the United States of America by deed dated March 23, 1938, and recorded on April 25, 1938, in volume 105, pages 437 and 438, of the Deed Records of Presidio County, Texas.

Approved June 13, 1949.

[CHAPTER 198]

AN ACT

June 13, 1949  
[S. 690]  
[Public Law 102]

To authorize the furnishing of water to the Yuma auxiliary project, Arizona, through the works of the Gila project, Arizona, and for other purposes.

Yuma auxiliary  
project, Ariz.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all lands heretofore withdraw under the reclamation law in connection with the Yuma project and set apart or otherwise dealt with as an auxiliary project under the provisions of the Act of January 25, 1917 (39 Stat. 868), as amended, are hereby severed from said auxiliary project, except those lands in the first Mesa unit of said auxiliary project which are north of the south line of the north half of the north half of the north half of sections 17 and 18, and north of the south line of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 9, township 10 south, range 23 west, Gila and Salt River base and meridian, which lands henceforth shall constitute the entire area of the Yuma auxiliary project. After application of the payments as provided in section 3 hereof, no costs heretofore allocated or charges heretofore assigned to the lands hereby severed from said auxiliary project shall be repayable to the United States.

Exchange of land by  
owners.

SEC. 2. For a period of five years from the date of enactment of this Act the owners of land with appurtenant water rights severed from the Yuma auxiliary project pursuant to the first section, the titles to which are deemed satisfactory by the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the Secretary) may exchange the same, acre for acre, for public lands and water rights within the Yuma auxiliary project as herein limited: *Provided*, That if any tract contains any fractional acreage, the area shall be computed to the nearest acre: *Provided further*, That such privilege of exchange shall be subject to the sale or other disposition or use by the United States of any