

Applicability.

before January 1, 1952. Such an election shall be made in such manner as the Secretary may by regulations prescribe, shall be irrevocable, and shall apply in respect of all property held by the person making the election at any time on or before the date on which the election was made and in respect of all periods since February 28, 1913, and before January 1, 1952, during which such person held such property or for which adjustments must be made under subsection (b) (2). An election by a transferor, donor, or grantor made after the date of the transfer, gift, or grant of property shall not affect the basis of such property in the hands of the transferee, donee, or grantee. No such election may be made after December 31, 1952."

SEC. 3. The amendments made by this Act shall apply in respect of taxable years beginning after December 31, 1938. Provisions having the effect of such amendments shall be deemed to have been included in the revenue laws respectively applicable to taxable years ending after December 31, 1931, and beginning before January 1, 1939.

Approved July 14, 1952.

Public Law 540

CHAPTER 742

July 14, 1952
[H. R. 5788]

AN ACT

To extend certain ten-year oil and gas leases.

Oil and gas
leases.

60 Stat. 951.
30 USC 226.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any lease issued for a ten-year term in exchange for an oil and gas prospecting permit pursuant to sections 13 and 17 of the Act entitled "An Act to promote the mining of coal, phosphate, oil, oil shale, gas, and sodium on the public domain", approved February 25, 1920, as amended by the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 674), and prior to amendment by the Act of August 8, 1946, and upon which drilling operations were being diligently prosecuted on the expiration date of such lease, prior to the effective date of this Act, is hereby reinstated effective from the expiration date of the lease and shall continue in effect for a period of two years after the effective date of this Act and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities, if, within ninety days after the enactment of this Act, payment is made, under the terms of such lease as reinstated and extended, of any sums due the United States for prior years. This Act shall not be applicable to any lands which, subsequent to such expiration and prior to the enactment of this Act, have been withdrawn from leasing, leased, or otherwise disposed of.

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Public Law 541

CHAPTER 743

July 14, 1952
[H. R. 8006]

AN ACT

To provide for an adjustment in the compensation of certain employees transferred from the field service of the Post Office Department to the General Services Administration pursuant to Reorganization Plan Numbered 18 of 1950, and for other purposes.

Postal em-
ployees trans-
ferred to GSA.

64 Stat. 1270.
5 USC 133z-
15 note.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That each employee transferred from the field service of the Post Office Department to the General Services Administration pursuant to Reorganization Plan Numbered 18 of 1950 who has completed sufficient service prior to such transfer, to entitle him, if he had not been so transferred, to an