

60 Stat. 237.
5 USC 1001 note.

“(d) To the extent that the foregoing provisions of this section are in conflict with provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, such provisions of this section shall be held to supersede and modify the provisions of that Act.”

47 USC 409.

(b) Subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) of section 409 are hereby redesignated as subsections (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), and (m), respectively.

47 USC 410.

SEC. 17. Section 410 (a) of such Act is amended by striking out the first sentence thereof, and by inserting in lieu of such sentence the following: “Except as provided in section 409, the Commission may refer any matter arising in the administration of this Act to a joint board to be composed of a member, or of an equal number of members, as determined by the Commission, from each of the States in which the wire or radio communication affected by or involved in the proceeding takes place or is proposed. For purposes of acting upon such matter any such board shall have all the jurisdiction and powers conferred by law upon the Commission, and shall be subject to the same duties and obligations.”

Joint board.

62 Stat. 763.

SEC. 18. (a) Title 18, United States Code, “Crimes and Criminal Procedure”, is amended by adding the following new section immediately after section 1342:

“§ 1343. Fraud by wire, radio, or television.

“Whoever, having devised or intending to devise any scheme or artifice to defraud, or for obtaining money or property by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises, transmits or causes to be transmitted by means of interstate wire, radio, or television communication, any writings, signs, signals, pictures, or sounds for the purpose of executing such scheme or artifice, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.”

(b) The analysis of chapter 63 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new item:

“1343. Fraud by wire, radio, or television.”

Effective date.

SEC. 19. This Act shall take effect on the date of its enactment, but—

(1) Insofar as the amendments made by this Act to the Communications Act of 1934 provide for procedural changes, requirements imposed by such changes shall not be mandatory as to any agency proceeding (as defined in the Administrative Procedure Act) with respect to which hearings have been commenced prior to the date of enactment of this Act.

Ante, p. 718.

(2) The amendments made by this Act to section 402 of the Communications Act of 1934 (relating to judicial review of orders and decisions of the Commission) shall not apply with respect to any action or appeal which is pending before any court on the date of enactment of this Act.

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Public Law 555

CHAPTER 880

AN ACT

July 16, 1952
[S. 2968]

To amend section 8 of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended.

Civil Service Retirement Act, amendments,
46 Stat. 475.

Annuity increase.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 8 of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended (5 U. S. C. 736c), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

“(c) (1) The annuity of any retired employee or of any survivor of a deceased or retired employee who, before the date of enactment

of this amendment, was receiving or entitled to receive an annuity from the civil-service retirement and disability fund, shall be increased, effective on the first day of the second month following enactment of this amendment, by \$36 for each full six-month period elapsed between the commencing date of annuity and October 1, 1952: *Provided*, That such increase in annuity shall not exceed the lesser of \$324 or 25 per centum of the present annuity: *Provided further*, That no annuity shall be increased to an amount in excess of \$2,160 by reason of the enactment of this amendment: *And provided further*, That the increases to retired employees provided by this subsection shall not operate to increase the annuities of their survivors.

"(2) The increases in annuity provided by this subsection shall be paid from the civil-service retirement and disability fund, and shall terminate, without subsequent resumption, on June 30, 1955, or on an earlier date under any one of the following conditions, whichever may first occur:

"(A) At the end of the second month following the third consecutive month for which the Consumers' Price Index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics is less than 169.9, the index for the month of April 1948. In the event that the Bureau of Labor Statistics revises the basis of calculating the Consumers' Price Index, it shall immediately furnish to the Commission a conversion factor designed to adjust to the new basis the index figure of 169.9 described herein, and such adjusted index shall be used for the purposes of this subsection.

"(B) On June 30, 1954, unless an appropriation is made to the civil-service retirement and disability fund in the applicable annual appropriation Act, for the fiscal year 1955, or in any prior appropriation Act, for the specific purpose of compensating said fund for the cost, as determined by the Commission, of increases provided by this subsection during the fiscal years 1954 and 1955."

SEC. 2. (a) There is hereby created a body to be known as the Committee on Retirement Policy for Federal Personnel, which shall be composed of a chairman appointed by the President and, ex officio, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, and the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission.

(b) The Committee shall make a comparative study of all retirement systems for all Federal personnel and report to the Congress not later than December 31, 1953. Its report, including findings and recommendations, shall include the following:

(1) the types and amounts of retirement and other related benefits provided to Federal personnel, including their role in the compensation system as a whole;

(2) the necessity for special benefit provisions for selected employee groups, including overseas personnel and employees in hazardous occupations;

(3) the relationships of these retirement systems to one another, to the Federal employees' compensation system, and to such general systems as old-age and survivors insurance; and

(4) the current financial status of the several systems, the most desirable methods of cost determination and funding, the division of costs between the Government and the members of the systems, and the policies that should be followed in meeting the Government's portion of the cost of the various systems.

(c) The Chairman of said Committee, under such rules and regulations as the President may prescribe, is authorized to procure services pursuant to section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C.

Restriction.

Termination.

Conditions.

Committee on Retirement Policy for Federal Personnel.

Duties. Report.

60 Stat. 810.
63 Stat. 954.
5 USC 1071 note.

Appropriation.

46 Stat. 476.

Waiver.

55a), and subject to the civil-service laws and the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, to appoint and fix the compensation of such attorneys and other personnel as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the President such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

SEC. 3. Section 13 of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended (5 U. S. C. 716), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

"Any person entitled to annuity from the civil-service retirement and disability fund may decline to accept all or any part of such annuity by a waiver signed and filed with the Commission. Such waiver may be revoked in writing at any time, but no payment of the annuity waived shall be made covering the period during which such waiver was in effect."

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Public Law 556

CHAPTER 881

July 16, 1952
[S. 3161]

AN ACT

To amend part I of the Interstate Commerce Act to provide for filing of equipment trust agreements and other documents evidencing or relating to the lease, mortgage, conditional sale, or bailment of railroad equipment.

Interstate Commerce Act, amendment.
24 Stat. 379.
49 USC ch. 1.
Railroad equipment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That part I of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended (U. S. C., title 49), is hereby amended by inserting, after section 20b, the following new section:

"SEC. 20c. Any mortgage, lease, equipment trust agreement, conditional sale agreement, or other instrument evidencing the mortgage, lease, conditional sale, or bailment of railroad cars, locomotives, or other rolling stock, used or intended for use in connection with interstate commerce, or any assignment of rights or interest under any such instrument, or any supplement or amendment to any such instrument or assignment (including any release, discharge or satisfaction thereof, in whole or in part), may be filed with the Commission, provided such instrument, assignment, supplement or amendment is in writing, executed by the parties thereto, and acknowledged or verified in accordance with such requirements as the Commission shall prescribe; and any such instrument or other document, when so filed with the Commission, shall constitute notice to and shall be valid and enforceable against all persons including, without limitation, any purchaser from, or mortgagee, creditor, receiver, or trustee in bankruptcy of, the mortgagor, buyer, lessee or bailee of the equipment covered thereby, from and after the time such instrument or other document is so filed with the Commission; and such instrument or other document need not be otherwise filed, deposited, registered or recorded under the provisions of any other law of the United States of America, or of any State (or political subdivision thereof), territory, district or possession thereof, respecting the filing, deposit, registration or recordation of such instruments or documents. The Commission shall establish and maintain a system for the recordation of each such instrument or document, filed pursuant to the provisions of this section, and shall cause to be marked or stamped thereon, a consecutive number, as well as the date and hour of such recordation, and shall maintain, open to public inspection, an index of all such instruments or documents, including any assignment, amendment, release, discharge or satisfac-