

Public Law 121

CHAPTER 198

AN ACT

July 16, 1953
[S. 1684]

To facilitate civil-service appointment of persons who lost opportunity therefor because of service in the Armed Forces after June 30, 1950, and to provide certain benefits upon appointment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) any person (1) who serves in the Armed Forces of the United States at any time after June 30, 1950, and prior to the expiration of the authority to induct persons into the Armed Forces under the Universal Military Training and Service Act, as amended, (2) whose name appears on any civil-service register after June 30, 1950, with respect to a position in the Government of the United States or in the municipal government of the District of Columbia, and (3) during whose service in the Armed Forces subsequent to June 30, 1950, another eligible standing lower on such list of eligibles received a probational appointment therefrom, shall be entitled to be placed on the original or appropriate successor register for certification for probational appointment.

Veterans.
Restoration of
civil-service eli-
gibility.

65 Stat. 75.
50 USC app. 451,
et seq.

(b) The Civil Service Commission is authorized and directed to place such persons on such original registers or appropriate successor registers with the same priority accorded persons entitled to the benefits of the Act entitled "An Act to provide benefits for certain employees of the United States who are veterans of World War II and lost opportunity for civil-service appointments by reason of their service in the Armed Forces of the United States", approved July 31, 1946 (Public Law 577, Seventy-ninth Congress), as amended.

Priority.

60 Stat. 749.
5 USC 645a and
note, 645b.

(c) Upon the probational appointment of any such person as a result of such restored eligibility, he shall, for the purpose of determining (1) his rate of basic compensation, (2) his seniority rights, (3) in the case of a position in the postal field service, his grade and time-in-grade, and (4) in the case of a position to which the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, applies, his within-grade step increases (including credit for that period of time not used in determining his rate of basic compensation), be held to have been appointed to such position as of the earliest date the Civil Service Commission finds, in accordance with section 1 (a) of this Act, a lower ranking eligible was probationally appointed.

63 Stat. 954.
5 USC 1071 note.

(d) No regular employee in the postal field service shall be reduced to substitute status by reason of the enactment of this Act.

Postal field
service.

SEC. 2. (a) No person shall be entitled to the benefits of this Act unless—

Requirements.

(1) he shall have been separated or relieved from active duty under honorable conditions from the Armed Forces;

(2) he is qualified to perform the duties of the position for which the register on which he is to be placed is established; and

(3) he makes application to be placed on such original register or appropriate successor register within ninety days after (A) the date of his separation or relief from active duty from the Armed Forces, (B) the date of the termination of hospitalization continuing for a period of not more than one year after his separation or relief from active duty from the Armed Forces, or (C) the date of enactment of this Act, whichever is later.

(b) No person shall be entitled to the benefits of this Act who—

(1) voluntarily continues service (including reenlistments) in other than a reserve component of the Armed Forces and who serves more than four years (plus any additional service imposed pursuant to law) or

(2) serves more than four years after the date of entering upon active duty, or serves beyond the date upon which he is able to obtain orders relieving him from active duty following four years of service, in the Armed Forces (other than for the purpose of determining his physical fitness) whether or not voluntarily, in response to an order or call to active duty.

Restriction on
compensation.

SEC. 3. No person shall be entitled to any basic compensation by reason of the enactment of this Act for any period prior to the date of his probational appointment in accordance with this Act.

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CHAPTER 199

AN ACT

To convey by quitclaim deed certain land to the State of Texas.

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Texas.
Conveyance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Army is hereby authorized to convey by quitclaim deed to the State of Texas, for public park and recreational purposes only, such areas within the portion of Denison Dam and Reservoir project, Texas, designated as Eisenhower State Park, as he shall deem essential to provide building sites for permanent buildings and other improvements for public park and recreational purposes, but not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres, at fair market value as determined by him, which in no event shall be less than the cost to the Government of acquiring such areas, and under such terms and conditions as he shall deem advisable to assure that the use of said areas by the State will not interfere with the operation of said dam and reservoir project and such additional terms and conditions as he shall deem advisable in the public interest.

The conveyance authorized by this Act shall not pass any right, title, or interest in oil, gas, fissionable materials, or other minerals.

In the event actual construction of the said buildings and improvements has not commenced within five years from the effective date of this Act, or in the event said property shall cease to be used for public park and recreational purposes for a period of two successive years, then title thereto shall immediately revert to the United States.

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CHAPTER 200

AN ACT

To repeal the authority to purchase discharge from the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, and the Marine Corps.

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[S. 1544]

10 USC 651.
34 USC 196.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 of the Act of June 16, 1890 (26 Stat. 158), and that part of the Act of March 3, 1893 (27 Stat. 717), which provides "and in time of peace the President may in his discretion, and under such rules and upon such conditions as he may prescribe, permit any enlisted man to purchase his discharge from the Navy, or the Marine Corps, the amounts received therefrom to be covered into the Treasury", are hereby repealed.

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