

REPORT TO CONGRESS OF INFORMATION ON HOUSING

Ante, p. 642.

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SEC. 817. The annual report made by the Housing and Home Finance Administrator to the President for submission to the Congress on all operations provided for by section 802 hereof shall contain pertinent information with respect to all projects for which any loan, contribution, or grant has been made by the Housing and Home Finance Agency, including the amount of loans, contributions and grants contracted for, and shall also contain pertinent information with respect to all builders' cost certifications required by section 227 of the National Housing Act, as amended, including information as to the amounts paid by mortgagors to mortgagees for application to the reduction of the principal obligations of the mortgages pursuant to that section.

ACT CONTROLLING

SEC. 818. Insofar as the provisions of any other law are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, the provisions of this Act shall be controlling.

SEPARABILITY

SEC. 819. Except as may be otherwise expressly provided in this Act, all powers and authorities conferred by this Act shall be cumulative and additional to and not in derogation of any powers and authorities otherwise existing. Notwithstanding any other evidences of the intention of Congress, it is hereby declared to be the controlling intent of Congress that if any provisions of this Act, or the application thereof to any persons or circumstances, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this Act or its application to other persons and circumstances.

Approved August 2, 1954.

Public Law 561

CHAPTER 650

AN ACT

August 2, 1954
[S. 2381]

To amend section 27 of the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended, in order to promote the development of oil and gas on the public domain.

Oil and gas
leases.
62 Stat. 291.

Acreage hold-
ing restriction.

Alaska.

60 Stat. 954.
Nonrenewable
option.

Time and acre-
age limitation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 27 of the Act of February 25, 1920, as amended (30 U. S. C. 184), is further amended as follows:

(1) Strike out all of the language preceding the semicolon of the second sentence of section 27, and insert the following in lieu thereof: "No person, association, or corporation, except as herein provided, shall take or hold at one time oil or gas leases exceeding in the aggregate forty-six thousand and eighty acres granted hereunder in any one State, except that in the Territory of Alaska no person, association, or corporation, except as herein provided, shall take or hold at one time oil or gas leases exceeding in the aggregate one hundred thousand acres granted hereunder;"

(2) Strike out sentences 5 and 6 of section 27 and insert the following in lieu thereof: "The interest of an optionee under a nonrenewable option to purchase or otherwise acquire one or more oil or gas leases (whether then or thereafter issued), or any interest therein, shall not, prior to the exercise of such option, be a taking or holding or control under the acreage limitations provisions of any section of this Act. No such option shall be entered into for a period of more

than three years, without the prior approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and no person, association, or corporation shall hold at one time such options of more than two hundred thousand acres in any one State.”

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Public Law 562

CHAPTER 652

AN ACT

To provide for two additional Assistant Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, respectively.

August 3, 1954
[S. 3466]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 102 (a) of the Army Organization Act of 1950 (64 Stat. 264), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Armed Forces.
Assistant Sec-
retaries.
5 USC 181-5.

“There shall be in the Department of the Army an Under Secretary of the Army and four Assistant Secretaries of the Army, who shall be appointed from civilian life by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and who shall receive the compensation prescribed by law. One of the Assistant Secretaries authorized herein shall be designated Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management, and may also act as Comptroller of the Army, if so designated by the Secretary of the Army.”

Army.

(b) Subsections (b) and (c) of section 101 of the Army Organization Act of 1950 (64 Stat. 264), are amended by deleting the word “either”, wherever appearing, and inserting in lieu thereof the word “an”.

5 USC 181-4.

SEC. 2. Two Assistant Secretaries of the Navy may be appointed from civilian life by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Such Assistant Secretaries shall be in addition to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy authorized under section 1 of the Act of July 11, 1890 (26 Stat. 254), as amended, and the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air authorized under section 4 of the Act of June 24, 1926 (44 Stat. 767), as amended, making a total of four Assistant Secretaries. Each such additional Assistant Secretary shall perform such functions as the Secretary of the Navy may from time to time prescribe and each shall receive compensation at the rate prescribed by law for Assistant Secretaries of military departments. One of the Assistant Secretaries authorized herein shall be designated as the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management, and may also act as Comptroller of the Navy, if so designated by the Secretary of the Navy. The Assistant Secretaries of the Navy shall succeed to the Office of the Secretary of the Navy during his temporary absence in the position provided for the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air by section 10 of the Act of March 5, 1948 (62 Stat. 66), and the Assistant Secretaries of the Navy shall take order among themselves in the order prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy or if no order is prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy then in the order in which the several Assistant Secretaries of the Navy took office as such.

Navy.

5 USC 420.

5 USC 421a.

62 Stat. 69.
5 USC 423j.

SEC. 3. (a) Subsection (a) of section 102 of the Air Force Organization Act of 1951 (65 Stat. 327), is hereby amended to read as follows:

“There shall be in the Department of the Air Force an Under Secretary of the Air Force and four Assistant Secretaries of the Air Force, who shall be appointed from civilian life by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and who shall receive the compensation prescribed by law. One of the Assistant Secretaries authorized herein shall be designated Assistant Secretary

5 USC 626-1.

Air Force.