

Each such agreement shall include a waiver by each party of all claims against every other party for compensation for any loss, damage, personal injury, or death occurring in consequence of the performance of such agreement. Any such agreement may provide for the reimbursement of any party for all or any part of the cost incurred by such party in furnishing fire protection for or on behalf of any other party.

(b) Any agreement heretofore executed which would have been authorized by this Act, if this Act had been in effect on the date of execution thereof, is hereby ratified and confirmed.

SEC. 3. In the absence of any agreement authorized or ratified by section 2, each agency head is authorized to render emergency assistance in extinguishing fires and in preserving life and property from fire, within the vicinity of any place at which such agency maintains fire-protection facilities, when the rendition of such assistance is determined, under regulations prescribed by the agency head, to be in the best interest of the United States.

Emergency assistance.

SEC. 4. Any service performed under section 2 or section 3 of this Act, by any officer or employee of the United States or any member of any armed force of the United States shall constitute service rendered in line of duty in such office, employment, or force. The performance of such service by any other individual shall not constitute such individual an officer or employee of the United States for the purposes of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act, as amended.

Service.

39 Stat. 742.
5 USC 751 note.

SEC. 5. Funds available to any agency head for fire protection on installations or in connection with activities under the jurisdiction of such agency may be used to carry out the purposes of this Act. All sums received by any agency head for fire protection rendered pursuant to this Act shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

Funds.

Approved May 27, 1955.

Public Law 47

CHAPTER 106

AN ACT

Relative to the exploration, location, and entry of mineral lands within the Papago Indian Reservation.

May 27, 1955
[H. R. 2682]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions with respect to subjection of mineral lands within the Papago Indian Reservation to exploration, location, and entry under the mining laws of the United States in the Executive order dated February 1, 1917, creating the Papago Indian Reservation, and in the third proviso in section 1 of the Act of February 21, 1931 (46 Stat. 1202), and the provisions of subsection (b) (1) and (2) and of the remainder, following the word "purposes," of subsection (b) (4) of section 3 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984; 25 U. S. C. 461-479), as amended by the Act of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 862, 863; 25 U. S. C. 463), are hereby repealed, all tribal lands within the Papago Indian Reservation are hereby withdrawn from all forms of exploration, location, and entry under such laws, the minerals underlying such lands are hereby made a part of the reservation to be held in trust by the United States for the Papago Indian Tribe, and such minerals shall be subject to lease for mining purposes pursuant to the provisions of the Act of May 11, 1938 (52 Stat. 347) : *Provided*, That the provisions of this Act shall not be applicable to lands within the Papago Indian Reservation for which a mineral patent has heretofore been issued or to a claim that has been

Papago Indian Reservation.

25 USC 396a-396f.

validly initiated before the date of this Act and thereafter maintained under the mining laws of the United States.

SEC. 2. Section 6 of the Act of May 11, 1938 (52 Stat. 347, 348; 25 U. S. C. 396f), is amended by deleting therefrom "the Papago Indian Reservation in Arizona."

Approved May 27, 1955.

Public Law 48

CHAPTER 107

May 27, 1955
[H. J. Res. 310]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Making additional appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, and for other purposes.

Second Urgent
Deficiency Approp-
riation Act, 1955.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply additional appropriations (this Act may be cited as the "Second Urgent Deficiency Appropriation Act, 1955") for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, and for other purposes, namely:

INDEPENDENT OFFICES

COMMISSION ON ORGANIZATION OF THE EXECUTIVE
BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Ante, p. 64.

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses", to complete the operations of the Commission as provided by Public Law 41 (S. 1763), Eighty-fourth Congress, \$263,475.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

For an additional amount for "Readjustment benefits", \$25,000,000, to remain available until expended.

Approved May 27, 1955.

Public Law 49

CHAPTER 111

June 1, 1955
[S. 14]

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Army to convey certain property located in Austin, Travis County, Texas, to the State of Texas.

Austin, Tex.
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 authorized and directed to convey by quitclaim deed, without consideration, to the State of Texas all right, title, and interest of the United States, in and to the following-described land in Austin, Travis County, Texas, together with all buildings, improvements thereon, and all appurtenances and utilities belonging or appertaining thereto, such land including approximately one hundred eighty-nine and eleven one-hundredths acres out of the original two hundred acres known as the Camp Mabry Militia Rifle Range Tract, also referred to as the "old Deison Farm":

Beginning at the southwest corner of the fifty-three-acre tract heretofore conveyed to J. J. Gasser by deed dated February 23, 1895, recorded in volume 129, page 347, of deed records of Travis County,