

(2) civilian employees of the National Guard and the Air National Guard other than those employed by the National Guard Bureau are eligible for membership in a State or Territorial employee retirement system, then the Secretary of Defense, pursuant to such regulation as may be promulgated by the President, is authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with such State or Territory within one hundred and twenty days of the request for agreement from the proper official of such State or Territory. Such agreement shall provide that the Department of Defense shall comply with the requirements of such law in the case of employees subject to this Act who are eligible for membership in a retirement system for State or Territorial employees, and the disbursing officers paying such employees shall withhold and pay over to such retirement system the employee contributions for such employees.

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CHAPTER 391

AN ACT

June 15, 1956
[H. R. 4569]

To provide for renewal of and adjustment of compensation under contracts for carrying mail on water routes.

Postal Service.

68 Stat. 998.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last two paragraphs of section 3951 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (39 U. S. C. 434), are amended by striking out the word "inland" wherever it appears in such paragraphs.

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Public Law 584

CHAPTER 392

AN ACT

June 15, 1956
[H. R. 4704]

To provide for the examination preliminary to promotion of officers of the naval service.

Navy.
Examination for
promotions.
34 USC 274.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1496 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

"No officer in the grade of ensign in the Regular Navy shall be promoted permanently to the next higher grade on the active list of the Navy until he shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of a board of examining officers such mental, moral, and professional qualifications as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe. No officer in a grade above that of ensign and below that of captain shall be promoted to the next higher grade on the active list until he shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of a board of examining officers such professional qualifications as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe. The Secretary of the Navy shall issue regulations governing the procedures to be followed by such examining boards as he may convene from time to time, including regulations to insure a full and fair hearing to officers whose cases come before the boards and who demand a hearing. The Secretary of the Navy may, in his discretion, suspend in whole or in part the operation of the provisions of this section in connection with the promotion of officers under the Act of July 24, 1941 (55 Stat. 603), as amended."

34 USC 350.