

(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.

Approved June 15, 1956.

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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.

Approved June 15, 1956.

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.

SEC. 2. The following laws are repealed:

- (a) Sections 1495, 1499, 1500, 1501, 1502, 1503, and 1504 of the Revised Statutes; 34 USC 273, 276-282.
- (b) Act of June 18, 1878 (ch. 267, 20 Stat. 165); 34 USC 276.
- (c) Section 20 of the Act of May 22, 1917 (40 Stat. 89), as amended; 34 USC 280, 284, 322.
- and
- (d) Section 316 (k) of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947 (61 Stat. 868), as amended. 34 USC 306l.

Approved June 15, 1956.

Public Law 585

CHAPTER 393

AN ACT

June 15, 1956
[H. R. 8477]

To amend title II of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948, by providing flexibility in the distribution of women officers in the grades of commander and lieutenant commander, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title II of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948 (62 Stat. 363) is amended by—

(1) amending section 203 to read as follows:

“SEC. 203. Women commissioned in the Regular Navy under the provisions of this title shall not have permanent commissioned grade on the active list of the Regular Navy above that of commander. The number of women officers on the active list of the line of the Regular Navy in the permanent grades of commander and lieutenant commander shall not exceed 10 per centum and 20 per centum, respectively, of the number of women officers on the active list of the line of the Regular Navy in the grades of ensign and above at any one time. Computations to determine such numbers shall be made at such times that the needs of the service require but not less than once annually. Whenever a final fraction occurs in any computation made pursuant to this section, the nearest whole number shall be taken and if such fraction be one-half the next higher whole number shall be taken. Upon determining such numbers the Secretary of the Navy may further determine the number, which may be a lesser number, of women officers on the active list of the line of the Regular Navy which may serve in each of these grades, and if the number so determined in the grade of commander is less than the computed number the number determined in the grade of lieutenant commander may exceed the computed number by the amount of such difference. The numbers so determined shall be held and considered as the authorized numbers until subsequent computations and determinations are made. No woman officer of the Regular Navy shall be reduced in grade or pay, or be separated from the active list, as the result of any such computation or determination.”;

Womens Armed Services Integration Act of 1948, amendment.

34 USC 105b.

Commanders and lieutenant commanders.

Determination of numbers.

(2) amending section 206 (b) by—

(A) inserting before the word “promotion” the word “permanent”; and

(B) adding at the end of the section the following sentences: “A woman officer of the grade of ensign in the Regular Navy or the Naval Reserve on active duty may be temporarily appointed to the grade of lieutenant (junior grade) under regulations prescribed by the President and when so appointed shall be entitled to the pay and allowances of such grade from the date of eligibility for the temporary appointment. The permanent appointment of a woman officer so temporarily appointed shall not be vacated by reason of such temporary appointment.”;

34 USC 307.

Promotion to lieutenant jg.