

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 The following laws are repealed: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.

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CHAPTER 393

AN ACT

June 15, 1956  
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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

34 USC 307.

(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.”;

Promotion to lieutenant jg.

Line officers.  
Consideration for  
promotion.

(3) amending section 206 (d) by deleting the first sentence thereof and substituting therefor the following: "Women lieutenant commanders and lieutenants of the line of the Regular Navy shall become eligible for consideration by a selection board for promotion to the next higher grade in the fiscal year on June 30 of which they will have completed four years of service in their grades and women lieutenants (junior grade) of the line of the Regular Navy shall become so eligible after they will have completed such periods of service in grade as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe. Women lieutenant commanders, lieutenants, and lieutenants (junior grade) shall retain their eligibility for consideration for promotion until recommended for promotion in the approved report of a board on selection or until separated from the active list.";

34 USC 307.  
Retention.

(4) amending section 206 (i) by adding the following sentence at the end of the section: "In addition, for a period of four years after the effective date of this amendatory Act, when determined by the Secretary of the Navy to be required for the needs of the service, there shall be furnished the appropriate selection board the number of those officers in the grade of lieutenant who will complete thirteen years of active commissioned service in the Regular Navy and Naval Reserve in the current fiscal year and who, if not selected for promotion to the next higher grade, may be recommended to be retained on the active list until June 30 of the fiscal year in which they complete fifteen years of active commissioned service in the Regular Navy and Naval Reserve.";

34 USC 307.

(5) amending section 206 (k) by changing the period at the end of the section to a semicolon and adding the following: "if such computation produces an indeterminate or inequitable number, the Secretary of the Navy shall prescribe a number which is equitable. In addition, for a period of four years after the effective date of this amendatory Act, when determined by the Secretary of the Navy to be required for the needs of the service, there shall be furnished the appropriate selection board considering women staff officers the number of those officers of the grade of lieutenant who will complete thirteen years of active commissioned service in the Regular Navy and Naval Reserve in the current fiscal year and who, if not selected for promotion to the next higher grade, may be recommended to be retained on the active list until June 30 of the fiscal year in which they complete fifteen years of active commissioned service in the Regular Navy and Naval Reserve.";

34 USC 410r.

(6) amending section 207 (j) by—

(A) inserting after the words "to the next higher grade" the words "and who have not been recommended for retention on the active list by a selection board pursuant to section 206 (i) or section 206 (k)."; and

Discharge.

(B) adding at the end of the section the following sentence: "Women officers of the grade of lieutenant of the Regular Navy who have been recommended for retention on the active list by a selection board pursuant to section 206 (i) or section 206 (k) shall be honorably discharged on June 30 of the fiscal year in which they complete fifteen years of active commissioned service in the Regular Navy and Naval Reserve, with a lump sum payment computed as prescribed above."; and

34 USC 625h.

(7) amending section 213 by—

(A) adding within the parentheses contained in subsection (a) after the words "Marine Corps" the words "or as otherwise provided in this section";

(B) redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e) ;

(C) adding a new subsection (d) as follows:

“(d) Women commissioned in the Regular Marine Corps under the provisions of this title shall not have permanent commissioned grade on the active list of the Regular Marine Corps above that of lieutenant colonel. The number of women officers on the active list of the Regular Marine Corps in the permanent grades of lieutenant colonel and major shall not exceed 10 per centum and 20 per centum, respectively, of the number of women officers on the active list of the Regular Marine Corps in the grades of second lieutenant 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 Regular Marine Corps which may serve in each of those grades and the number so further determined shall be held and considered as the authorized numbers until subsequent computations and determinations are made. No woman officer of the Regular Marine Corps shall be reduced in grade or pay, or be separated from the active list, as the result of any such computation or determination.”

Marine Corps.  
Lieutenant colonels and majors.

Determination of numbers.

Restriction.

(D) adding the following new subsections:

“(f) The number to be furnished the appropriate selection board in respect to the promotion of women officers of the Regular Marine Corps to the grades of lieutenant colonel and major shall be determined by the Secretary of the Navy as of the date of the convening of the board and shall be equal to the number of vacancies existing for such officers in the grade concerned plus the estimated number of such vacancies which will occur during the ensuing twelve-month period and minus the number of such officers then on the promotion list.”

Promotions.

“(g) Women officers of the grades of captain and first lieutenant in the Regular Marine Corps whose names on June 30 of the fiscal year in which they complete thirteen and seven years' active commissioned service, respectively, in the Regular Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserve are not then on a promotion list for promotion to the next higher grade shall be honorably discharged from the Marine Corps on that date with a lump-sum payment computed on the basis of two months active-duty pay at the time of their discharge for each year of commissioned service, but not to exceed a total of two years' pay. For the purposes of this subsection a fractional year of six months or more shall be considered a full year in computing the number of years' commissioned service upon which to base such lump-sum payment.”

Captains and first lieutenants.  
Discharges.

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CHAPTER 394

AN ACT

Authorizing the Administrator of General Services to convey certain property of the United States to the city of Bonham, Texas.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, subject to section 2 of this Act, the Administrator of General Services is authorized and directed to quitclaim to the city of Bonham, Texas, all of the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a tract of land containing twenty-one and nine-tenths acres, more or less, situated in the*

Bonham, Texas.  
Conveyance.