

SEC. 2. This Act shall become effective on the first day of the first pay period which begins at least ten days after date of approval.

Approved August 2, 1956.

Public Law 936

CHAPTER 902

JOINT RESOLUTION

August 3, 1956
[S. J. Res. 114]

To change the name of Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor to Liberty Island.

Whereas the Statue of Liberty is to the world the symbol of the dreams and aspirations which have drawn so many millions of immigrants to America;

Whereas to all Americans the Statue of Liberty stands eternal as the symbol of the freedom which has been made a living reality in the United States for all sorts and conditions of mankind, united in allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and to the imperishable ideals of our free society;

Whereas the majestic meaning of the Statue of Liberty is to be made more brilliant by the establishment, at its foot, of The American Museum of Immigration as the gift of individual Americans to the American people for all future generations;

Whereas The American Museum of Immigration will tell for all time the story of the making of this great Nation of nations by the contributions of men and women who have been coming here since the earliest times from all over the world in search of liberty;

Whereas the Statue of Liberty stands on Federal land known as Bedloe's Island, which name today has no special significance and which is the latest of a series of other names by which such island has been known in the past; and

Whereas it is meet, fitting, and proper that the Statue of Liberty, with The American Museum of Immigration at its foot, be accorded a setting most appropriate for the great shrine of the American people: Now, therefore, be it

Liberty Island,
N. Y., formerly
Bedloe's Island.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Bedloe's Island, which is located in New York Harbor, shall hereafter be known as Liberty Island, and any law, regulation, document, or record of the United States in which such island is designated or referred to under the name Bedloe's Island shall be held to refer to such island under and by the name of Liberty Island.

Approved August 3, 1956.

Public Law 937

CHAPTER 903

AN ACT

August 3, 1956
[S. 3875]

To amend section 4 (a) of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, as amended.

29 USC 34.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That clause (2) of section 4 (a) of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, as amended (68 Stat. 655), is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(2) for planning, preparing for, and initiating, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, and the fiscal years ending June 30, 1956, and June 30, 1957, a substantial nationwide expansion of vocational rehabilitation programs in the States.”

Approved August 3, 1956.