

July 25, 1866. CHAP. CCXXXV. — *An Act increasing the Pensions of Widows and Orphans, and for other Purposes.*

Provisions of pension laws extended to provost marshals and their deputies and to enrolling officers.

How to take rank.

Pensions to widows of soldiers and sailors increased \$2 a month for each child under sixteen years.

If there is more than one child, and no widow, &c.

No person to have more than one pension.

Provisions of former acts extended to pensioners under previous laws, except, &c.

1862, ch. 166.

Vol. xii. p. 566.

1864, ch. 247.

Vol. xiii. p. 387.

1865, ch. 84.

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If during pendency of an application for invalid pension and after completion of proof, applicant dies, who may receive accrued pension, &c.

Accrued pension to be paid to executor, &c.

Repealing clause of act 1866, ch. 106, *Ante*, p. 56, not to work forfeiture of accrued rights, &c.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the provisions of the pension laws are hereby extended to and made to include provost marshals, deputy provost marshals, and enrolling officers, who have been killed or wounded in the discharge of their duties; and for the purpose of determining the amount of pension to which such persons and their dependents shall be entitled, provost marshals shall be ranked as captains, deputy provost marshals as first lieutenants, and enrolling officers as second lieutenants.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the pensions to widows of deceased soldiers and sailors, having children by such deceased soldiers or sailors, be increased at the rate of two dollars per month for each child of such soldier or sailor under the age of sixteen years. And in all cases in which there shall be more than one child of any deceased soldier or sailor leaving no widow, or where his widow has died or married again, or where she has been deprived of her pension under the provisions of section eleven of an act entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts relating to pensions," approved June sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, the pension granted to such children under sixteen years of age by existing laws shall be increased to the same amount per month that would be allowed under the foregoing provisions to the widow if living and entitled to a pension: *Provided,* That in no case shall more than one pension be allowed to the same person.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the provisions of an act entitled "An act to grant pensions," approved July fourteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and of the acts supplementary thereto and amendatory thereof, are hereby, so far as applicable, extended to the pensions under previous laws, except revolutionary pensioners.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That if any person during the pendency of his application for an invalid pension, and after the completion of the proof showing his right thereto, has died, or shall hereafter die, but not in either case by reason of a wound received, or disease contracted in the service of the United States and in the line of duty, his widow, or if he left no widow, or in the event of her death or marriage, his relatives in the same order in which th[e]y would have received a pension, if they had been thereunto entitled under existing laws on account of the services and death in the line of duty of such person, shall have the right to demand and receive the accrued pension to which he would have been entitled had the certificate issued before his death; and in all cases where such person so entitled to an invalid pension has died, or shall hereafter die, under circumstances hereinbefore mentioned, whether by reason of a wound received or disease contracted in the service of the United States, and in the line of duty or otherwise, without leaving a widow or such relatives, then such accrued pension shall be paid to the executor or administrator of such person in like manner and effect as if such pension were so much assets belonging to the estate of the deceased at the time of his death.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the repeal by the act entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts relating to pensions," approved June sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, of parts of certain acts mentioned in the first section of said act, shall not work a forfeiture of any rights accrued under or granted by such parts of such acts so repealed; but such rights shall be recognized and allowed in the same manner and to all intents and purposes as if said act had never passed, except that the invalid pensioner shall be entitled to draw from and after the taking effect of said act the increased pension thereby granted in lieu of that granted by such parts of such acts so repealed.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in the fourth section of an act entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts relating to pensions," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, or in any other supplementary or amendatory act relating to pensions, shall be so construed so as to impair the right of a widow whose claim for a pension was pending at the date of her re-marriage, to the pension to which she would otherwise be entitled, had her deceased husband left no minor child or children under the age of sixteen years.

Widows having claim for pension pending at date of re-marriage not affected by provisions of act 1865, ch. 84, § 4. Vol. xiii. p. 490.

APPROVED, July 25, 1866.

CHAP. CCXXXVI. — *An Act authorizing the Construction of a Jail in and for the District of Columbia.* July 25, 1866.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, authorized to select a suitable place on some of the public grounds belonging to the government in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, for and construct thereon, upon such plan as he may select, a jail of sufficient capacity to provide for not less than three hundred prisoners, with suitable yards, hospitals, and so forth, the entire cost of which shall not exceed the sum of two hundred thousand dollars.

See Joint Resolution No. 60. Post, p. 575. Secretary of the Interior to select suitable place and construct a jail thereon. Capacity. Cost.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That as soon as said site, and the plan of a jail shall be so selected and agreed upon, the said Secretary of the Interior shall employ an architect and have prepared a design for said building, and plans descriptive thereof, with complete specifications of the work required and the materials to be used, and shall publish notice of a public letting of the contract for the building of the same, at least thirty days before the letting, in the principal newspapers in New York city, Boston, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Baltimore, and Washington, which notice shall direct a place where such specifications can be seen, and a time at which the contract is to be let; and the said Secretary shall let said contract to the lowest responsible bidder, and the contractor therefor shall enter into sufficient bond for the faithful completion of the said contract to the approval of the Secretary.

Architect to be employed; to prepare designs and specifications, and publish notice of letting contract for building.

Contract to be let to lowest responsible bidder.

Contractor to give bond.

Contractor to be paid by instalments, twenty per cent being retained.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Secretary shall pay to the contractor or contractors instalments on the contract price as the work progresses, to be certified to by the architect having the direction thereof, but twenty per centum of the estimates shall be retained until the completion of the contract.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That there be, and is hereby, *appointed*, [appropriated,] for the purposes aforesaid, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, to be drawn on the order of said Secretary of the Interior.

Appropriation.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, authorized to sell at public sale, on proper notice thereof, the materials of the old jail, now located in Judiciary Square, and the proceeds thereof to be paid into the treasury of the United States.

Materials of old jail to be sold at auction.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of reimbursing the United States for a part of the cost of said jail, it shall be the duty of the proper authorities of the city of Washington, and they are hereby required, to raise, by tax or otherwise, and pay into the treasury of the United States, at or before the time of the completion of said jail, the sum of seventy thousand dollars. And it shall be the like duty of the proper authorities of the city of Georgetown, and they are hereby required, to raise, by tax or otherwise, and pay into the treasury of the United States, at or before the completion of said jail, the sum of twenty thousand dollars. And it shall be the like duty of the proper authorities of the county of Washington or said District, and they are hereby required,

City of Washington to pay \$70,000 in part for jail.

[Amended. See 1867, ch. 152, Post, p. 428.]

Georgetown to pay \$20,000.

County of Washington to pay \$10,000.