

as the Governor of the Panama Canal may grant to such pastors and to the pastors of other churches serving American residents of the Canal Zone; (3) shall prescribe the duties and delimit the jurisdiction of the local councils; (4) shall determine the nature of the activities and teachings of the Union Church of the Canal Zone; and (5) shall determine the relationship between the Union Church of the Canal Zone as represented by the general council and board of trustees, and the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and the various denominational boards.

Activities and teachings.

COMPLETION OF ORGANIZATION

SEC. 6. The persons specifically named in section 1 shall constitute the first board of trustees, and the members of the general or executive council in office the date this Act becomes effective with such changes as may be made in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the existing unincorporated Union Church shall constitute the general council, and the members of both shall continue in office until their successors are elected in accordance with the constitution and bylaws adopted by the incorporators.

Approved, December 31, 1941.

[CHAPTER 644]

AN ACT

To establish a military code for the Territory of Alaska.

December 31, 1941
[H. R. 5822]
[Public Law 392]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the militia of the Territory of Alaska shall consist of all able-bodied male citizens of the United States and all other able-bodied males who shall have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States, residing within the Territory, who shall be more than eighteen years of age and, except as hereinafter provided, not more than forty-five years of age, and said militia shall be divided into two classes: The Organized Militia, to be known as the Alaska National Guard, and the Unorganized Militia.

Militia, Alaska.
Composition and classes.

SEC. 2. The following persons shall be exempt from militia service: Persons exempted by the laws of the United States, judges of the several courts of the Territory, and members and officers of the Alaska Territorial Legislature.

Exemptions from militia service.

SEC. 3. The Alaska National Guard shall consist of members of the militia voluntarily enlisted therein, who, upon original enlistment, shall be not less than eighteen nor more than forty-five years of age, or who, in subsequent enlistment, shall be not more than sixty-four years of age, organized, armed, equipped, and federally recognized according to the laws of the United States, and of commissioned officers and warrant officers who are citizens of the United States between the ages of twenty-one and sixty-four years and who shall be appointed and commissioned or warranted by the Governor of the Territory: *Provided*, That former members of the Regular Army, Navy, or Marine Corps under sixty-four years of age may enlist in said Alaska National Guard.

Alaska National Guard.

Proviso.

SEC. 4. The Governor of the Territory of Alaska, as ex officio commander of the militia of the Territory, shall have like command of the Alaska National Guard while not in active Federal service, and is empowered to promulgate all necessary regulations therefor not inconsistent with this Act. Except as otherwise prescribed by this Act, the Alaska National Guard and its members shall be subject to all Federal laws and regulations relating to the National Guard of the several States and Territories, and of the United States.

Authority of Governor.

Federal laws and regulations.

Adjutant General of
Alaska.

SEC. 5. The Adjutant General of the Territory of Alaska shall be appointed by the President with such rank and qualifications as he may prescribe. He shall be a citizen of the Territory and shall make such returns and reports to the Secretary of War and to the Governor of the Territory of Alaska or to such officers as each of them may designate, at such times and in such form as may be prescribed.

Application of Act
to existing organiza-
tion.

SEC. 6. The terms and provisions of this Act pertaining to the Alaska National Guard are hereby made applicable to the existing units and individuals of the military forces in the Territory of Alaska, heretofore organized and known as the Alaska National Guard, and such organization is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Territorial Guard.

SEC. 7. During such time as the Alaska National Guard, or any part thereof, is in active Federal service, the Governor of Alaska, through voluntary enlistments, may organize a Territorial Guard under such regulations as to discipline in training as the Secretary of War may prescribe: *Provided*, That the Secretary of War, in his discretion and under such regulations as he may prescribe, is authorized to issue for the use of such Territorial Guard, upon requisition of the Governor of the Territory, such arms and equipment as may be in possession of and can be spared by the War Department.

Proviso.
Arms and equip-
ment.

Approved, December 31, 1941.

[CHAPTER 645]

AN ACT

January 2, 1942
[S. 1994]

[Public Law 393]

To provide for the prompt settlement of claims for damages occasioned by Army, Navy, and Marine Corps forces in foreign countries.

Damages by Ameri-
can forces abroad.
Settlement of cer-
tain claims.
6 F. R. 2617.

Claims Commis-
sions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That during the national emergency declared by the President on May 27, 1941, to exist, and for the purpose of promoting and maintaining friendly relations by the prompt settlement of meritorious claims, the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy are hereby authorized to appoint a Claims Commission or Commissions, composed of officers of the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, as the case may be, to consider, adjust, determine, and make payments in final settlement of bona fide claims on account of damages caused by Army, Navy, and Marine Corps forces, or individual members thereof, in a foreign country or possession thereof, including places located therein which are under the temporary or permanent jurisdiction of the United States, to the property, public or private, or the persons of inhabitants of such foreign countries, where the amount of such claim does not exceed \$1,000: *Provided*, That no claim shall be considered by such Commissions unless presented within one year from the date of the accrual of said claim: *Provided further*, That any such settlements made by such Commissions under the authority of this Act shall be final and conclusive for all purposes, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary.

Provisos.
Time limitation.

Settlements to be
final.

Funds available for
payments.

SEC. 2. All payments in settlement of claims under section 1 of this Act shall be made out of the appropriation "Pay, subsistence, and transportation of naval personnel", as to Navy and Marine Corps claims, and out of such appropriation for the Military Establishment as may be determined by the Secretary of War as to Army claims.

Act deemed supple-
mentary.

SEC. 3. This Act shall be supplementary to, and not in lieu of, all other provisions of law authorizing consideration, adjustment, determination, and payment of claims by the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, respectively.

Approved, January 2, 1942.