

for actual attendance on days when the court is in session or the judge or a jury is present. In case the position of crier or bailiff is to be filled by the appointment of a person who has not previously served as either crier or bailiff, preference in the appointment shall be given to a person who has served in the military or naval forces of the United States in time of war and who has been honorably discharged therefrom, if in the opinion of the appointing officer such person is as well qualified as any other available person to perform to the satisfaction of the appointing officer all the duties of the position being filled."

SEC. 2. That section 715 of the Revised Statutes is hereby repealed.

Approved December 7, 1944.

Military or naval preference.

28 U. S. C. § 595.

[CHAPTER 523]

AN ACT

To increase the service-connected disability rates of pension for certain Regular Establishment veterans and veterans of wars prior to World War I.

December 7, 1944
[H. R. 4999]
[Public Law 469]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the monthly rates of pension for service-connected disability, exclusive of special awards and allowances fixed by law, payable under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration to veterans not included in section 1 of Public Law Numbered 312, Seventy-eighth Congress, approved May 27, 1944, are hereby increased by 15 per centum, effective as of the first day of June 1944.

Service-connected disability rates of pension.

Ante, p. 229.

Approved December 7, 1944.

[CHAPTER 524]

AN ACT

To transfer jurisdiction over the Chattanooga National Cemetery, Chattanooga, Tennessee, from the Department of the Interior to the War Department, and for other purposes.

December 7, 1944
[H. R. 5232]
[Public Law 470]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Chattanooga National Cemetery, Chattanooga, Tennessee, is hereby transferred from the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior to the jurisdiction of the Secretary of War for administration in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable to national cemeteries administered by the War Department.

Chattanooga National Cemetery, Tenn.
Transfer of jurisdiction.

The unexpended balance of any funds available for administration of the Chattanooga National Cemetery, as determined by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, shall be transferred to the Secretary of War, and may be expended hereafter by him for the same purposes for which such funds were made available.

Transfer of funds.

Approved December 7, 1944.

[CHAPTER 546]

AN ACT

To grant pensions to certain unremarried dependent widows of Civil War veterans who were married to the veteran subsequent to June 26, 1905.

December 8, 1944
[H. R. 86]
[Public Law 471]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the dependent unremarried widow of a Civil War veteran who is barred from the receipt of pension because her marriage to the veteran occurred subsequent to June 26, 1905, but who is otherwise entitled to such pension either under the Act of May 1, 1920 (41 Stat. 585), or under the

Pensions.
Unremarried dependent widows of Civil War veterans.

38 U. S. C. § 288.

46 Stat. 529.
38 U. S. C. § 201b.

Additional for minor
and helpless children.

If granted to help-
less child or child
under 16.

Widow under 60.

Effective date.

Remarried widows.

Penal and forfeiture
provisions.

Act of June 9, 1930 (46 Stat. 528), shall be entitled to pension in her own right under said Acts at the rates and under the conditions specified therein and to the additional pension provided for minor and helpless children in the Act of May 1, 1920, provided she married the veteran ten or more years prior to his death and lived with him continuously from the date of marriage to the date of his death except where there was a separation which was due to misconduct of or procured by the veteran without the fault of the widow: *Provided*, That if pension has been granted to an insane, idiotic, or otherwise helpless child of the veteran or to a child or children of the veteran under sixteen years of age, the widow shall not be entitled to the pension authorized in this Act until the pension to the child or children terminates, unless such child or children be a member or members of her family and cared for by her; and when these conditions are fulfilled and the pension is granted to the widow, payment of pension to such child or children shall cease; except that in the event the amount being paid to such child or children is less than the amount authorized to the widow by this Act, then the difference between said amounts will be paid to the widow: *Provided further*, That no pension shall be payable under this Act to a widow under sixty years of age.

SEC. 2. Payment of pension as provided by this Act shall be effective from the date of receipt of application in the Veterans' Administration, after the date of enactment of this Act, in the form prescribed by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs. Pension under this Act shall not be paid to the widow of a veteran of the Civil War who has remarried either once or more than once since the death of the veteran, and upon the remarriage of such a widow her pension shall be terminated. The penal and forfeiture provisions of the pension laws providing pensions for veterans of the Civil War and their widows and dependents shall be applicable to the provisions of this Act.

Approved December 8, 1944.

[CHAPTER 547]

AN ACT

To authorize the appointment of two additional Assistant Secretaries of State.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be in the Department of State beginning immediately for the period of the emergency and not to exceed two years following the cessation of hostilities two additional Assistant Secretaries of State, each of whom shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and who shall serve without numerical designation of rank.

Approved December 8, 1944.

[CHAPTER 548]

AN ACT

To amend the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended, to extend the time within which application may be made for reemployment, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 8 (b) of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, Public Law 783, Seventy-sixth Congress, approved September 16, 1940 (50 U. S. C. 308), as amended, be further amended by striking out the word "forty" therefrom and substituting the word "ninety" therefor, and

December 8, 1944
[H. R. 4311]
[Public Law 472]

Assistant Secretaries of State.

December 8, 1944
[H. R. 5386]
[Public Law 473]

Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, amendment.

54 Stat. 890.
50 U. S. C. app.
§ 308 (b).
Reemployment.