be suitable for such transfer. All lands so added to and made a part of
the Angostura unit shall thereafter be subject to all laws applicable
to agricultural lands acquired under the provisions of section 5 (a)
of the Act of August 11, 1939, as amended (16 U. S. C. 590z-3 (a));
the costs incurred by the United States in acquiring such lands, as
well as the costs incurred in the improvement thereof for irrigation
purposes, shall be returned in the same manner as though such lands
had been acquired under the provisions of said section 5 (a).

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[CHAPTER 300]

AN ACT

To provide secretaries for circuit and district judges.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That each circuit
judge and each district judge may appoint a secretary, and each
senior circuit judge and each senior district judge in districts having
five or more district judges may also appoint an assistant secretary,
who shall, subject to appropriations to be made by the Congress,
receive compensation to be fixed from time to time by the Director
of the Administrative Office of the United States courts and shall
be reimbursed for their actual traveling expenses and expenses
incurred for subsistence, within the limitations prescribed by law,
when necessarily absent from their designated posts of duty on official
business.

Sec. 2. Within the meaning of this Act the District of Columbia
shall be deemed to be both a circuit and a district, the United States
Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia a circuit court of
appeals, and the chief justice and associate justices of that court the
senior circuit judge and circuit judges thereof, and the District Court
of the United States for the District of Columbia a district court,
and the chief justice and associate justices of that court the senior
district judge and district judges thereof.

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[CHAPTER 301]

AN ACT

To integrate certain personnel of the former Bureau of Marine Inspection and
Navigation and the Bureau of Customs into the Regular Coast Guard, to
establish the permanent commissioned personnel strength of the Coast Guard,
and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That the
total number of commissioned officers, including permanent, tempo-
rary, temporary service, and Reserve officers on active duty, and excluding
chief warrant officers, on the active list of the Coast Guard shall
not exceed two thousand two hundred and fifty. Included in this
number shall be the sixty-one extra numbers in rank which under
existing law operate to increase the authorized number of line
officers upon separation or retirement of the person holding that
number, the five professors authorized by existing law who shall
not be considered as extra numbers in rank, and the extra numbers
in rank authorized by this Act. The commissioned officers shall
be distributed in the ranks of rear admiral, captain, commander,
lieutenant commander, lieutenant, lieutenant (junior grade), and
ensign in the same percentages as are now or may hereafter be
prescribed by statute for the Navy. To determine the authorized
number of officers in the various ranks as provided in this section
the computation shall be based on the actual number of officers
on active duty, including permanent, temporary, temporary service,
and reserve officers on active duty, but not including extra num-
bers in the Coast Guard at the date of making the computation.
The Secretary of the Treasury shall, at least once each year, make
such a computation, and the resulting numbers in the various ranks
as so computed shall be held and considered for all purposes as
the authorized number in such various ranks. The nearest whole
number shall be regarded as the authorized number in case frac-
tions result in the computation. The Secretary of the Treasury
is, however, as he may from time to time determine the needs of
the Coast Guard require, authorized to reduce the percentages
applicable to any rank or ranks above lieutenant commander and
in order to compensate for such reduction, to increase correspond-
ingly the percentages applicable to any rank or ranks below the
rank or ranks in which such percentages are so reduced. No officer
shall be reduced in permanent rank or pay or removed from the
active list of the Coast Guard as the result of any computation or
determination made by the Secretary of the Treasury to establish
the number of officers in the various ranks.

Sec. 2. Commissioned officers, including extra numbers in rank,
shall be promoted to the ranks of rear admiral by selection, under such
regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe. The
Assistant Commandant and the Engineer in Chief shall be entitled
to the pay and allowances provided by law for rear admirals of the
upper half. The number of rear admirals on the active list of the
Coast Guard entitled to the pay and allowances provided by law for
rear admirals of the upper half, excluding the Assistant Commandant
and the Engineer in Chief for purposes of computation, shall be
one-half of the number of officers on the active list of that rank.
Where the division results in an odd number, the odd number shall
be placed in the upper half. No officer who has or may become entitled
to the pay and allowances of a rear admiral of the upper half shall suffer
a reduction of his pay and allowances solely by reason of the fact that
the number of rear admirals may for any reason be reduced. The
precedence on the list of rear admirals shall be determined by the date
of first appointment to that rank, except that the Assistant Com-
mandant shall, while holding such office, be next in precedence to the
Commandant.

Sec. 3. The President is authorized to appoint, by and with the
advice and consent of the Senate, permanent commissioned officers in
the Coast Guard in ranks appropriate to their qualifications, experi-
ence, and length of service, as the needs of the Coast Guard may require
and as are found by the Secretary of the Treasury, as the result of
such examinations as he may deem necessary, to be mentally, morally,
professionally, and physically qualified, from among the following
categories:

1. Graduates of the Coast Guard Academy;
2. Temporary commissioned officers of the Coast Guard;
3. Chief warrant officers, warrant officers, and enlisted men
   of the Coast Guard;
4. Members of the Coast Guard Reserve;
5. Licensed officers of the United States merchant marine
   who have served four or more years aboard a vessel of the United
   States in the capacity of a licensed officer; and
6. Personnel of the former Bureau of Marine Inspection
   and Navigation of the Department of Commerce, and the Bureau
   of Customs of the Treasury Department, who were transferred
from those bureaus to the Coast Guard by Executive Order 9083, dated February 28, 1942 (7 F. R. 1609), and by Reorganization Plan Numbered 3, effective July 16, 1946 (11 F. R. 7875), and who on March 1, 1942, held the civil-service rating of CAP-9 or P-3, or above.

Any person described in category (5) of this section, commissioned pursuant to the provisions of this Act, shall serve a probationary period of two years, during which time his commission may be revoked if his services are unsatisfactory, pursuant to such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe.

Sec. 4. Appointees under section 3 shall take precedence with other officers in their respective ranks in accordance with the dates of commission in such ranks. Appointees whose dates of commission are the same shall take precedence with each other as the Secretary of the Treasury may determine. Appointees who, during any period of World War II, served temporarily as commissioned officers of the Coast Guard, or as commissioned officers who were regular members of the Coast Guard Reserve on active duty, shall take precedence with other officers in their respective ranks under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe. Appointees from category (6) of section 3 shall be assigned running mates, as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, from among regular line officers of the Coast Guard in the respective ranks in which such appointees are commissioned.

Sec. 5. The President is authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, permanent chief warrant officers in the Coast Guard, as the needs of the Coast Guard may require and as are found by the Secretary of the Treasury as the result of such examinations as he may prescribe, to be mentally, morally, professionally, and physically qualified, from among the following categories:

1. Temporary commissioned officers of the Coast Guard;
2. Temporary chief warrant officers of the Coast Guard;
3. Temporary and permanent warrant officers of the Coast Guard;
4. Enlisted men of the Coast Guard;
5. Members of the Coast Guard Reserve;
6. Licensed officers of the United States merchant marine; and
7. Personnel of the former Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation of the Department of Commerce, and the Bureau of Customs of the Treasury Department, who were transferred from those bureaus to the Coast Guard by Executive Order 9083, dated February 28, 1942 (7 F. R. 1609), and by Reorganization Plan Numbered 3, effective July 16, 1946 (11 F. R. 7875).

Sec. 6. The Secretary is authorized to appoint permanent warrant officers in the Coast Guard, as the needs of the Coast Guard may require and as are found by the Secretary of the Treasury, as the result of such examinations as he may prescribe, to be mentally, morally, professionally, and physically qualified, from among the following categories:

1. Temporary chief warrant officers and temporary warrant officers of the Coast Guard;
2. Enlisted men of the Coast Guard;
3. Members of the Coast Guard Reserve;
4. Licensed officers of the United States merchant marine; and
5. Personnel of the former Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation of the Department of Commerce, and the Bureau of Customs of the Treasury Department, who were
transferred from those bureaus to the Coast Guard by Executive Order 9033, dated February 28, 1942 (7 F.R. 1609), and by Reorganization Plan Numbered 3, effective July 16, 1946 (11 F.R. 7875).

Sec. 7. Appointees under sections 5 and 6 shall take precedence with other officers in their respective ranks in accordance with the dates of commission in such ranks. Appointees whose dates of commission are the same shall take precedence with each other as the Secretary of the Treasury may determine. Appointees who, during any period of World War II, served temporarily as commissioned officers, chief warrant officers, or warrant officers of the Coast Guard, or as commissioned officers, chief warrant officers, or warrant officers who were regular members of the Coast Guard Reserve on active duty, shall take precedence with other officers in their respective ranks under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe.

Sec. 8. Included in the two thousand two hundred and fifty commissioned officers authorized by section 1 of this Act shall be four hundred and fifty-three extra numbers to which the President is authorized to appoint, pursuant to the provisions of this Act, only the personnel described in category (6) of section 3. In the event that any person from among the personnel eligible to fill such extra numbers does not qualify, or who, being qualified does not accept a commission, the extra numbers not so filled shall be reserved pending the separation of such persons from the Coast Guard by retirement, transfer, resignation, death, or other cause. Upon such separation, each vacancy so reserved, and each vacancy created by the unavailability for appointment of personnel described in category (6) of section 3, or by the retirement, resignation, death, or other separation from the active military service of the Coast Guard of personnel described in category (6) of section 3 who are commissioned pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall increase by one the authorized number of line officers, and decrease by one the authorized number of extra numbers.

Sec. 9. Any person described in category (6) of section 3 who is commissioned pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall be an extra number in any rank to which he may be promoted. He shall be eligible for promotion, if otherwise qualified, at such time as the regular line officer who is his running mate becomes eligible for promotion, and shall be examined only with respect to those qualifications which pertain to his specialty.

Sec. 10. No person described in category (6) of section 3, category (7) of section 5, or category (5) of section 6 shall be required to undergo further professional, physical, or mental examinations as a prerequisite to original commissioning, appointment, or enlistment pursuant to this Act, and the physical standards for such personnel while serving in the Regular Coast Guard shall not be greater than those applicable generally to civilian employees under civil-service laws and regulations.

Sec. 11. In computing length of service for purposes of retirement of a person described in category (6) of section 3, category (7) of section 5, or category (5) of section 6 who is commissioned, appointed, or enlisted pursuant to the provisions of this Act, there shall be included, in addition to all service now or hereafter creditable by law, all service as a civilian employee of the United States within the purview of the Act of May 22, 1920, as amended (5 U.S.C. 691 and the following), such service to be classified as commissioned, warrant, or enlisted depending upon which status the person assumes upon his entry into the Regular Coast Guard. Service covering the same period shall not be counted more than once.
SEC. 12. Any person described in category (6) of section 3, category (7) of section 5, or category (5) of section 6 who is commissioned, appointed, or enlisted pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall not be entitled to any retirement benefits under any laws relating to the retirement of civilian personnel of the Federal Government, but shall be entitled upon claim therefor to a return of the total contributions made by him to the retirement fund with interest thereon and, in addition, to eligibility for retirement benefits provided by law for members of the Regular Coast Guard, he shall, if his total service in the Federal Government, civil plus military, is fifteen years or over, be entitled, upon reaching the statutory retirement age for military personnel of the Regular Coast Guard, to retirement pay amounting to 75 per centum of his active-duty pay at the time of such retirement; and, in the administration of applicable laws for physical disability retirement, a disability shall be deemed to have been incurred incident to Coast Guard service if the cause of such disability is not due to vicious habits, intemperance, or misconduct.

SEC. 13. No person described in category (6) of section 3, category (7) of section 5, or category (5) of section 6 who is commissioned, appointed, or enlisted in the Coast Guard pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall suffer any reduction in annual compensation, including allowances, below the compensation applicable to his permanent civil-service position at the time of such commissioning, appointment, or enlistment, exclusive of overtime compensation, and the civil-service status, tenure, seniority, and compensation of any such person who for any reason is not commissioned, appointed, or enlisted under the provisions of this Act shall not be impaired by reason of this Act.

SEC. 14. Accrued military leave of any person described in category (6) of section 3, category (7) of section 5, or category (5) of section 6 who is a member of the Coast Guard Reserve or the Naval Reserve on active duty, and who is commissioned, appointed, or enlisted pursuant to the provisions of this Act, shall be credited to him upon such commissioning, appointment, or enlistment.

SEC. 15. Any person described in category (5) of section 6 who enlists in the Coast Guard shall be considered as enlisted pursuant to this Act.

SEC. 16. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed; but nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to affect the continued application to the Coast Guard of the Act of July 24, 1941, as amended (34 U.S.C., Supp. V, secs. 350-350J).

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