

CHAP. 28.—An Act To provide for the fifteenth and subsequent decennial censuses and to provide for apportionment of Representatives in Congress.

June 18, 1929.

[S. 312.]

[Public, No. 13.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a census of population, agriculture, irrigation, drainage, distribution, unemployment, and mines shall be taken by the Director of the Census in the year 1930 and every ten years thereafter. The census herein provided for shall include each State, the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, and Porto Rico. A census of Guam, Samoa, and the Virgin Islands shall be taken in the same year by the respective governors of said islands and a census of the Panama Canal Zone by the Governor of the Canal Zone, all in accordance with plans prescribed or approved by the Director of the Census.

Fifteenth Census.
Census of population,
etc., to be taken in 1930
and every ten years
thereafter.

Territorial extent.

SEC. 2. That the period of three years beginning the 1st day of January in the year 1930 and every tenth year thereafter shall be known as the decennial census period, and the reports upon the inquiries provided for in said section shall be completed within such period: *Provided*, That the tabulation of total population by States as required for the apportionment of Representatives shall be completed within eight months from the beginning of the enumeration and reported by the Director of the Census to the Secretary of Commerce and by him to the President of the United States.

Census periods designated.

Proviso.
Completion of population tabulation.

SEC. 3. That there may be employed in the Bureau of the Census, in addition to the force provided for by the appropriation Act for the fiscal year immediately preceding the decennial census period, two assistant directors, one of whom shall act as executive assistant to the director, performing, in addition, the duties usually assigned to the chief clerk, and the other, who must be a person of known and tried experience in statistical work, as technical and statistical advisor; these officials to be appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, upon the recommendation of the Director of the Census, in conformity with the civil service laws and rules.

Additional executive force to be employed in the Bureau.

In addition to the force hereinbefore provided for, there may be appointed by the Director of the Census, without regard to the provisions of the Classification Act, for any period not extending beyond the decennial census period, at rates of compensation to be fixed by him, as many temporary employees in the District of Columbia as may be necessary to meet the requirements of the work: *Provided*, That census employees who may be transferred to any such temporary positions shall not lose their permanent civil-service status by reason of such transfer: *Provided further*, That hereafter in making appointments to clerical and other positions in the executive branch of the Government in the District of Columbia or elsewhere preference shall be given to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines, and widows of such, and to the wives of injured soldiers, sailors, and marines, who themselves are not qualified, but whose wives are qualified, to hold such positions: *Provided further*, That all such temporary appointments shall be made in conformity with the civil service laws and rules: *Provided further*, That in making any appointments under this Act to positions in the District of Columbia or elsewhere, preference shall be given to persons discharged under honorable conditions from the military or naval forces of the United States who served in such forces during the time of war and were disabled in the line of duty, to their widows, and to their wives if the husband is not qualified to hold such positions.

Temporary employees in the District for census period.

Provisos.
Civil service status retained of regular employees transferred.

Preference for Army and Navy service in government clerical, etc., appointments.

Temporary appointments under civil service laws.

Preference to disabled military or naval war veterans, etc.

Appointment of special agents, supervisors, etc.
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Enumerators.

For Army, Navy, etc., posts.

Field work by executive departments, etc., employees.

Compensation of appointees.

Proviso.
Special agents.

Additional special agents during census period.

Detail of permanent employees as supervisors or enumerators.

Inquiries restricted to designated subjects.

Schedules.

Duties of supervisors.

Duties of enumerators.

Personal visits, etc.

That special agents, supervisors, supervisors' clerks, enumerators, and interpreters may be appointed by the Director of the Census to carry out the provisions of this Act and of the Act to provide for a permanent Census Office, approved March 6, 1902, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto, such appointments to be made without regard to the Civil Service laws or the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, except that such special agents shall be appointed in accordance with the Civil Service laws. The Director of the Census may delegate to the supervisors authority to appoint enumerators. The enlisted men and officers of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps may be appointed and compensated for the enumeration of Army, Navy, Marine, and other military posts. Employees of the Department of Commerce and other departments and independent offices of the Government may, with the consent of the head of the respective department or office, be employed and compensated for field work in connection with the Fifteenth Decennial Census. The special agents, supervisors, supervisors' clerks, enumerators, and interpreters thus appointed shall receive compensation at rates to be fixed by the Director of the Census: *Provided*, That special agents appointed at a per diem rate shall not be paid in excess of \$8 per diem except as hereinafter provided; and that the compensation on a piece-price basis may be fixed without limitation as to the amount earned per diem: *Provided further*, That during the decennial census period the Director of the Census may fix the compensation of not to exceed twenty-five special agents at an amount not to exceed \$12 per diem: *Provided further*, That permanent employees of the Census Office and special agents may be detailed, when necessary, to act as supervisors or enumerators, such permanent employees and special agents to have like authority with and perform the same duties as the supervisors or enumerators in respect to the subjects committed to them under this Act.

SEC. 4. That the fifteenth and subsequent censuses shall be restricted to inquiries relating to population, to agriculture, to irrigation, to drainage, to distribution, to unemployment, and to mines. The number, form, and subdivision of the inquiries in the schedules used to take the census shall be determined by the Director of the Census, with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce.

SEC. 5. That each supervisor shall perform such duties as may be imposed upon him by the Director of the Census in the enforcement of this Act, and the duties thus imposed shall be performed in any and all particulars in accordance with the orders and instructions of the Director of the Census; that each enumerator or other employee detailed to serve as enumerator shall be charged with the collection in his subdivision of the facts and statistics called for on the population and agricultural schedules, and such other schedules as the Director of the Census may determine shall be used by him in connection with the census. It shall be the duty of each enumerator to visit personally each dwelling house in his subdivision, and each family therein, and each individual living out of a family in any place of abode, and by inquiry made of the head of each family, or of the member thereof deemed most competent and trustworthy, or of such individual living out of a family, to obtain each and every item of information and all particulars required for the census; and in case no person shall be found at the usual place of abode of such family, or individual living out of a family, competent to answer the inquiries, then it shall be lawful for the census employee to obtain the required information as nearly as may be practicable from the family or families or person or persons living nearest to such place of abode who may be competent to answer such inquiries.

SEC. 6. That the census of the population and of agriculture required by section 1 of this Act shall be taken as of the 1st day of April, and it shall be the duty of each enumerator to commence the enumeration of his district on the day following unless the Director of the Census in his discretion shall change the date of commencement of the enumeration in said district by reason of climatic or other conditions which would materially interfere with the proper conduct of the work; but in any event it shall be the duty of each enumerator to prepare the returns hereinbefore required to be made and to forward the same to the supervisor of his district within thirty days from the commencement of the enumeration of his district: *Provided*, that in any city having two thousand five hundred inhabitants or more under the preceding census the enumeration of the population shall be completed within two weeks from the commencement thereof.

Census of population and agriculture to be taken as of April 1.

Returns in 30 days.

Proviso.
To be completed within two weeks, in certain cities.

SEC. 7. That if any person shall receive or secure to himself any fee, reward, or compensation as a consideration for the appointment or employment of any person as supervisor, enumerator, or clerk, or other employee, or shall in any way receive or secure to himself any part of the compensation paid to any supervisor, enumerator, clerk, or other employee, he shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$3,000 or be imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

Punishment for receiving fee, etc., to secure appointments.

SEC. 8. That any supervisor, supervisor's clerk, enumerator, interpreter, special agent, or other employee who, having taken and subscribed the oath of office, shall, without justifiable cause, neglect or refuse to perform the duties enjoined on him by this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding \$500; or if he shall, without the authority of the Director of the Census, publish or communicate any information coming into his possession by reason of his employment under the provision of this Act, or the Act to provide for a permanent Census Office or Acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto, he shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not to exceed \$1,000 or be imprisoned not to exceed two years, or both so fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the court; or if he shall willfully and knowingly swear or affirm falsely as to the truth of any statement required to be made or subscribed by him under oath by or under authority of this Act or of the Act to provide for a permanent Census Office or Acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto, he shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding \$2,000 or imprisoned not exceeding five years, or both; or if he shall willfully and knowingly make a false certificate or a fictitious return he shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction of either of the last-named offenses he shall be fined not exceeding \$2,000 or be imprisoned not exceeding five years, or both; or if any person who is or has been an enumerator shall knowingly or willfully furnish or cause to be furnished, directly or indirectly, to the Director of the Census or to any supervisor or other employee of the census any false statement or false information with reference to any inquiry for which he was authorized and required to collect information, he shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding \$2,000 or be imprisoned not exceeding five years, or both.

Punishable acts of census employees.
Refusal or neglect of duties.

Unauthorized publishing information.

Swearing to false statements.

Making false certificates or fictitious returns.

Enumerators knowingly furnishing false information to Director, etc.

SEC. 9. That it shall be the duty of all persons over eighteen years of age when requested by the Director of the Census, or by any supervisor, enumerator, or special agent, or other employee of the Census Office, acting under the instructions of the said director, to answer correctly, to the best of their knowledge, all questions on the census schedules applying to themselves and to the families to which they

Correct answers to census schedules required of all persons.

Punishment for refusal, etc.

belong or are related, and to the farm or farms of which they or their families are the occupants; and any person over eighteen years of age who, under the conditions hereinbefore stated, shall refuse or willfully neglect to answer any of these questions, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding \$100 or be imprisoned not exceeding sixty days, or both, and any such person who shall willfully give answers that are false shall be fined not exceeding \$500 or be imprisoned not exceeding one year, or both.

Intentionally rendering inaccurate enumeration of population to census employees, unlawful.

And it is hereby made unlawful for any individual, committee, or other organization of any kind whatsoever, to offer or render to any supervisor, supervisor's clerk, enumerator, interpreter, special agent, or other officer or employee of the Census Office engaged in making an enumeration of population, either directly or indirectly, any suggestion, advice, or assistance of any kind, with the intent or purpose of causing an inaccurate enumeration of population to be made, either as to the number of persons resident in any district or community, or in any other respect; and any individual, or any officer or member of any committee or other organization of any kind whatsoever, who directly or indirectly offers or renders any such suggestion, advice, information, or assistance, with such unlawful intent or purpose, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding \$1,000, or be imprisoned for not exceeding one year, or both.

Punishment for.

Hotels, etc., required to furnish names of all occupants.

And it shall be the duty of every owner, proprietor, manager, superintendent, or agent of a hotel, apartment house, boarding or lodging house, tenement, or other building, when requested by the Director of the Census, or by any supervisor, enumerator, special agent, or other employee of the Census Office, acting under the instructions of the said director, to furnish the names of the occupants of said hotel, apartment house, boarding or lodging house, tenement, or other building, and to give thereto free ingress and egress therefrom to any duly accredited representative of the Census Office, so as to permit the collection of statistics for census purposes, including the proper and correct enumeration of all persons having their usual place of abode in said hotel, apartment house, boarding or lodging house, tenement, or other building; and any owner, proprietor, manager, superintendent, or agent of a hotel, apartment house, boarding or lodging house, tenement, or other building who shall refuse or willfully neglect to give such information or assistance under the conditions hereinbefore stated shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding \$500.

Access to census representatives.

Punishment for refusal, etc.

Officials of companies, etc., required to answer all questions in census schedules relating to business thereof, etc.

Sec. 10. That it shall be the duty of every owner, official, agent, person in charge, or assistant to the person in charge, of any company, business, institution, establishment, religious body, or organization of any nature whatsoever, to answer completely and correctly to the best of his knowledge all questions relating to his respective company, business, institution, establishment, religious body, or other organization, or to records or statistics in his official custody, contained on any census schedule prepared by the Director of the Census under the authority of this Act, or of the Act to provide for a permanent Census Office, approved March 6, 1902, or of Acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto; and any person violating the provisions of this section by refusing or willfully neglecting to answer any of said questions, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding \$500, or imprisoned for a period not exceeding sixty days, or both so fined and imprisoned, and any person violating the provisions of this section by willfully giving answers that are false shall be fined not exceeding \$10,000 or imprisoned for a period not exceeding one year, or both.

Punishment for willfully refusing, giving false answers, etc.

SEC. 11. That the information furnished under the provisions of this Act shall be used only for the statistical purposes for which it is supplied. No publication shall be made by the Census Office whereby the data furnished by any particular establishment or individual can be identified, nor shall the Director of the Census permit anyone other than the sworn employees of the Census Office to examine the individual reports.

Use of information for statistical purposes only.

Restriction on publication of data.

SEC. 12. That all fines and penalties imposed by this Act may be enforced by indictment or information in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Enforcement of fines and penalties.

SEC. 13. That the Director of the Census is hereby authorized to make requisition upon the Public Printer for such printing as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, to wit: Blanks, schedules, circulars, pamphlets, envelopes, work sheets, and other items of miscellaneous printing; that he is further authorized to have printed by the Public Printer, in such editions as the director may deem necessary, preliminary and other census bulletins, and final reports of the results of the several investigations authorized by this Act or by the Act to establish a permanent Census Office and Acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto and to publish and distribute said bulletins and reports.

Printing, etc., authorized.

Bulletins, etc.

SEC. 14. That all mail matter, of whatever class or weight, relating to the census and addressed to the Census Office, or to any official thereof, and indorsed "Official business, Census Office," shall be transmitted free of postage, and by registered mail if necessary, and so marked: *Provided*, That if any person shall make use of such indorsement to avoid the payment of postage or registry fee on his or her private letter, package, or other matter in the mail, the person so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of \$300, to be prosecuted in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Free transmission of mail on official business.

U. S. C., p. 1256.

Proviso.
Penalty for private use.

SEC. 15. That the Secretary of Commerce, whenever he may deem it advisable, on request of the Director of the Census, is hereby authorized to call upon any other department or office of the Government for information pertinent to the work herein provided for.

Information from other Government departments, etc.

SEC. 16. That there shall be in the year 1935, and once every ten years thereafter, a census of agriculture and livestock, which shall show the acreage of farm land, the acreage of the principal crops, and the number and value of domestic animals on the farms and ranges of the country. The schedule employed in this census shall be prepared by the Director of the Census. Such census shall be taken as of the 1st day of January and shall relate to the crop year. The Director of the Census may appoint enumerators or special agents for the purpose of this census in accordance with the provisions of the permanent census Act.

Census of agriculture and livestock in 1935, and every ten years thereafter.

Time of taking.
Appointment of enumerators for.

SEC. 17. That the Director of the Census be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to collect and publish, for every second year after 1927, statistics of manufacturing industries; and the director is hereby authorized to prepare such schedules as in his judgment may be necessary.

Manufacturing statistics to be published biennially.

SEC. 18. That the Director of the Census be, and he is hereby, authorized at his discretion, upon the written request of the governor of any State or Territory or of a court of record, to furnish such governor or court of record with certified copies of so much of the population or agricultural returns as may be requested, upon the payment of the actual cost of making such copies and \$1 additional for certification; and that the Director of the Census is further authorized, in his discretion, to furnish to individuals such data from the population schedules as may be desired for genealogical or other proper purposes, upon payment of the actual cost of searching the

Certified copies of population and agricultural returns to States, courts, etc.

Genealogical, etc., data to individuals.

Statistical compila- records and \$1 for supplying a certificate; and that the Director of the
tions. the Census is authorized to furnish transcripts of tables and other
records and to prepare special statistical compilations for State or
local officials, private concerns, or individuals upon the payment of
the actual cost of such work: *Provided, however,* That in no case shall
information furnished under the authority of this Act be used to
the detriment of the person or persons to whom such information
relates. All moneys hereafter received by the Bureau of the Census
in payment for labor and materials used in furnishing transcripts of
census records or special statistical compilations from such records
shall be deposited to the credit of the appropriation for collecting
statistics.

Allowance for travel- SEC. 19. That the Director of the Census may authorize the ex-
ing expenses, etc., of penditure of necessary sums for the actual and necessary traveling
census employees. expenses of the officers and employees of the Census Office, including
an allowance in lieu of subsistence not exceeding \$6 per day during
their necessary absence from the Census Office, or, instead of such an
allowance, their actual subsistence expenses, not to exceed \$7 per day:
Provided, That employees of the bureau may be paid in lieu of all
transportation expenses not to exceed 7 cents per mile for the use of
their own automobiles or not to exceed 3 cents per mile for the use
of their own motor cycles when used for necessary travel on official
business.

Sum authorized for SEC. 20. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act
expenses. during the fifteenth decennial census period, there is authorized to be
Vol. 45, p. 1119. appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
Post, pp. 100, 198. priated, the sum of \$39,593,000.

Modified former Act SEC. 21. That the Act establishing the permanent Census Office,
continued. approved March 6, 1902, and Acts amendatory thereof and supple-
Vol. 32, p. 51. mental thereto, except as are herein amended, shall remain in full
Fourteenth Census force. That the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the fourteenth
Act repealed. and subsequent decennial censuses," approved March 3, 1919, and all
Vol. 40, p. 1291, re- other laws and parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this
pealed. Act are hereby repealed.

Apportionment of SEC. 22. (a) On the first day, or within one week thereafter, of the
Representatives. second regular session of the Seventy-first Congress and of each fifth
President to transmit Congress thereafter, the President shall transmit to the Congress a
to Congress a state- statement showing the whole number of persons in each State, exclud-
ment of total popula- ing Indians not taxed, as ascertained under the fifteenth and
tion of each State as each subsequent decennial census of the population, and the number of
certained by decennial Representatives to which each State would be entitled under an
census, and apportion- apportionment of the then existing number of Representatives made
ment thereto under in each of the following manners:

By method of last (1) By apportioning the then existing number of Representatives
preceding apportion- among the several States according to the respective numbers of the
ment. several States as ascertained under such census, by the method used
in the last preceding apportionment, no State to receive less than one
Member;

By method of major (2) By apportioning the then existing number of Representatives
fractions. among the several States according to the respective numbers of the
several States as ascertained under such census, by the method known
as the method of major fractions, no State to receive less than one
Member; and

By method of equal (3) By apportioning the then existing number of Representatives
proportions. among the several States according to the respective numbers of the
several States as ascertained under such census, by the method known
as the method of equal proportions, no State to receive less than one
Member.

If no apportionment (b) If the Congress to which the statement required by sub-
law be enacted each division (a) of this section is transmitted, fails to enact a law appor-
State to have its ex- tioning the then existing number of Representatives made in each of the following manners:

tioning Representatives among the several States, then each State shall be entitled, in the second succeeding Congress and in each Congress thereafter until the taking effect of a reapportionment under this Act or subsequent statute, to the number of Representatives shown in the statement based upon the method used in the last preceding apportionment. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the last House of Representatives forthwith to send to the executive of each State a certificate of the number of Representatives to which such State is entitled under this section. In case of a vacancy in the office of Clerk, or of his absence or inability to discharge this duty, then such duty shall devolve upon the officer who, under section 32 or 33 of the Revised Statutes, is charged with the preparation of the roll of Representatives-elect.

Certificate thereof to State executives by the Clerk of the House.

R. S., secs. 32, 33, p. 6.
U. S. C., p. 4.

(c) This section shall have no force and effect in respect of the apportionment to be made under any decennial census unless the statement required by subdivision (a) of this section in respect of such census is transmitted to the Congress within the time prescribed in subdivision (a).

Section not effective unless statement transmitted in prescribed time.

Ante, p. 26.

Approved, June 18, 1929.

CHAP. 29.—An Act To authorize the State of West Virginia to acquire a bridge over the Kanawha River at Cabin Creek in said State and to acquire the right to construct a bridge over said river at Saint Albans in said State.

June 18, 1929.
[S. 1452.]

[Public, No. 14.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the State of West Virginia, by its State bridge commission, be, and is hereby, authorized to acquire, maintain, and operate the bridge being erected over the Kanawha River at Cabin Creek and the approaches thereto in said State, and that said bridge shall be deemed a lawful structure if constructed in accordance with the plans and location approved by the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of War under dates of April 20, 1928, and April 23, 1928, respectively, and in accordance with an Act approved May 1, 1928, authorizing the construction of said bridge by the Cabin Creek Kanawha Bridge Company, its successors and assigns.

Kanawha River.
West Virginia may acquire bridge over, at Cabin Creek.

Vol. 45, p. 475.

SEC. 2. The State of West Virginia, by its State bridge commission, is authorized to acquire the right to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge over the Kanawha River at Saint Albans in said State and the approaches thereto under an Act approved May 1, 1928, authorizing the Saint Albans Nitro Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate said bridge, and said bridge shall be a lawful structure if constructed in accordance with the plans and location approved by the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of War under dates of May 14, 1928, and May 19, 1928, respectively, and in accordance with the last-mentioned Act.

Kanawha River.
West Virginia may acquire bridge over, at Saint Albans.
Vol. 45, p. 473.

SEC. 3. Both of said bridges shall be subject to the conditions and limitations of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, other than those requiring the approval of plans, specifications, and location by the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of War before the commencement of construction.

Construction.
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SEC. 4. The times for commencing and completing the construction of the said bridge at or near Saint Albans are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from the date of approval hereof.

Times for commencing and completing.

SEC. 5. If tolls are charged for the use of said bridges, the rates of toll shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay the reasonable cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridges under economical management and to provide a sinking fund suffi-

Rates of toll applied to operation, sinking fund, etc.