

Marriage require-
ment.
No pension reduced.

Attorneys' fee lim-
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Punishment for vio-
lations.

therefor after the passage of this Act: *Provided further*, That said widow shall have married said officer or enlisted man previous to the passage of this Act: *Provided, however*, That this Act shall not be so construed as to reduce any pension under any Act, public or private.

SEC. 2. That no agent, attorney, or other person engaged in preparing, presenting, or prosecuting any claim under the provisions of this Act shall, directly or indirectly, contract for, demand, receive, or retain for such services in preparing, presenting, or prosecuting such claim a sum greater than \$10, which sum shall be payable only on the order of the Commissioner of Pensions; and any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section, or shall wrongfully withhold from the pensioner or claimant the whole or any part of a pension or claim allowed or due such pensioner or claimant under this Act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall, for each and every offense, be fined not exceeding \$500 or be imprisoned not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

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[H. J. Res. 309.]

[Pub. Res. No. 38.]

CHAP. 154.—Joint Resolution To authorize the President, in time of war, to supervise or take possession and assume control of any telegraph, telephone, marine cable, or radio system or systems or any part thereof and to operate the same in such manner as may be needful or desirable for the duration of the war, and to provide just compensation therefor.

Telegraph, telephone,
etc., systems.
Possession, opera-
tion, etc., of, by the
President authorized.
Post, p. 1807.

Post, p. 1017.

To end with close of
war.

Provisos.
Compensation.

Suit, etc., if amount
unsatisfactory.

Procedure.
Vol. 36, pp. 1093, 1136.

State tax, police, etc.,
powers not impaired.

Exception.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President during the continuance of the present war is authorized and empowered, whenever he shall deem it necessary for the national security or defense, to supervise or to take possession and assume control of any telegraph, telephone, marine cable, or radio system or systems, or any part thereof, and to operate the same in such manner as may be needful or desirable for the duration of the war, which supervision, possession, control, or operation shall not extend beyond the date of the proclamation by the President of the exchange of ratifications of the treaty of peace: *Provided*, That just compensation shall be made for such supervision, possession, control, or operation, to be determined by the President; and if the amount thereof, so determined by the President, is unsatisfactory to the person entitled to receive the same, such person shall be paid seventy-five per centum of the amount so determined by the President and shall be entitled to sue the United States to recover such further sum as, added to said seventy-five per centum, will make up such amount as will be just compensation therefor, in the manner provided for by section twenty-four, paragraph twenty, and section one hundred and forty-five of the Judicial Code: *Provided further*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to amend, repeal, impair, or affect existing laws or powers of the States in relation to taxation or the lawful police regulations of the several States, except wherein such laws, powers, or regulations may affect the transmission of Government communications, or the issue of stocks and bonds by such system or systems.

Approved, July 16, 1918.

July 18, 1918.

[H. R. 10069.]

[Public, No. 200.]

CHAP. 155.—An Act Making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes.

River and harbor
appropriations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums of