

by the Territory, whereupon title to said property shall vest in the United States: *Provided, however,* That the United States shall make just compensation for the acquisition of title to any personal property acquired by the Territory without Federal aid and for any new facilities provided by the Territory without Federal aid which are not in the nature of improvements to or replacements of existing structures.
Approved June 5, 1952.

Public Law 378

CHAPTER 372

AN ACT

To amend section 32 (a) (2) of the Trading With the Enemy Act.

June 6, 1952
[S. 302]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the third proviso in subdivision (D) of paragraph (2) of section 32 (a) of the Trading With the Enemy Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows: "*And provided further,* That the aggregate book value of returns made pursuant to the foregoing proviso shall not exceed \$9,000,000; and any return under such proviso may be made if the book value of any such return, taken together with the aggregate book value of returns already made under such proviso does not exceed \$9,000,000; and for the purposes of this proviso the term 'book value' means the value, as of the time of vesting, entered on the books of the Alien Property Custodian for the purpose of accounting for the property or interest involved;"

Approved June 6, 1952.

Property valuation.

60 Stat. 51; 64
Stat. 1080.
50 USC app., 32.

Public Law 379

CHAPTER 373

AN ACT

Relating to the manner of appointment of the Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia, the deputy recorders, and the employees of the Office of Recorder, and for other purposes.

June 9, 1952
[S. 2871]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 548 of the Code of Laws for the District of Columbia (D. C. Code, sec. 45-701) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 548. APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES.—There shall be a Recorder of Deeds of the District, appointed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, who shall record all deeds, contracts, and other instruments in writing affecting the title or ownership of any real estate or personal property in the District which shall have been duly acknowledged and certified, and who shall perform all requisite services connected therewith, and shall have charge and custody of all the records, papers, and property appertaining to his office. No person shall be appointed Recorder of Deeds unless he has been a resident of the District of Columbia for at least five years next preceding his appointment."

SEC. 2. Section 549 of the Code of Laws for the District of Columbia (D. C. Code, sec. 45-702) is amended by inserting after "deputy recorder" the following: "in accordance with the civil-service laws and regulations and to fix his compensation in accordance with the Classification Act of 1949".

SEC. 3. The Act of March 3, 1925 (D. C. Code, sec. 45-703), is amended to read as follows: "That the Recorder of Deeds is author-

Recorder of Deeds, D.C.

31 Stat. 1275.

Deputy.

63 Stat. 954.
5 USC 1071 note.

Second deputy.