

SEC. 304. No act done in good faith under this Act by a person serving in or with the Federal or military service of the United States in the exercise of his judgment as to what was practicable and compatible with military, merchant marine, or other Federal governmental operations, shall constitute a violation of any provision of law relating to the elective franchise.

Acts in good faith, etc.

SEC. 305. It shall be unlawful for any commissioned, noncommissioned, warrant, or petty officer in the Armed Forces (1) to attempt to influence any member of the Armed Forces to vote or not to vote for any particular candidate, or (2) to require any member of the Armed Forces to march to any polling place or place of voting, but nothing in this Act shall be deemed to prohibit free discussion regarding political issues or candidates for public office.

SEC. 306. If any provision of this Act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Act and the applicability of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Separability.

SEC. 307. The Act entitled "An Act to provide for a method of voting, in time of war, by members of the land and naval forces absent from the place of their residence", approved September 16, 1942 (56 Stat. 753), as amended, is repealed.

Repeal.

50 USC 301-355.

SEC. 308. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such funds as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Appropriation.

Approved August 9, 1955.

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CHAPTER 657

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide that a gold medal be coined and presented to Doctor Jonas E. Salk in honor of his achievements in the field of medicine.

August 9, 1955
[H. J. Res. 278]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That in recognition of the great achievement of Doctor Jonas E. Salk in the field of medicine by his discovery of a serum for the prevention of poliomyelitis, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to cause to be struck and presented to Doctor Jonas E. Salk a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary. For such purpose there is authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$2,500.

Dr. Jonas E. Salk.
Gold medal.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury shall cause duplicates in bronze of such medal to be coined and sold, under such regulations as he may prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof (including labor), and the appropriations used for carrying out the provisions of this section shall be reimbursed out of the proceeds of such sale.

Sale of duplicates.

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Public Law 298

CHAPTER 658

AN ACT

To extend the authority of the Corregidor Bataan Memorial Commission, and for other purposes.

August 9, 1955
[H. R. 5469]

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

Corregidor Bataan Memorial Commission.