"SEC. 2. When the Chief of Engineers shall find that any such project has been constructed in accordance with the authorized plans and specifications he shall cause to be paid to the State, municipality, or other political subdivision involved the amount authorized by Congress. Payment.

"SEC. 3. The Chief of Engineers may, in his discretion, from time to time, make payments on such construction as the work progresses, but these payments, including previous payments, if any, shall not be more than the United States pro rata part of the value of the labor and materials which have been actually put into such construction in conformity to said plans and specifications: *Provided*, That the construction of restoration and protective works under this Act may be undertaken by the Chief of Engineers upon the request of, and contribution of required funds by, the interested State, municipality, or other political subdivision.

"SEC. 4. As used in this Act, the word 'shores' includes all the shorelines of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, the Gulf of Mexico, the Great Lakes, and lakes, estuaries, and bays directly connected therewith." "Shores"

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AN ACT

To further amend the Act of January 2, 1942, entitled "An Act to provide for the prompt settlement of claims for damages occasioned by Army, Navy, and Marine Corps forces in foreign countries".

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of January 2, 1942 (ch. 645, 55 Stat. 880), as amended, is further amended by— Claims. Army, Navy, Marine Corps. 31 USC 224d-224i.

(1) amending the first section by deleting the words "arising in such foreign country" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "arising outside of the United States, its Territories and possessions";

(2) amending the first section by substituting the figure "$15,000" for the figure "$5,000" wherever it appears therein;

(3) amending section 7 by deleting the words "In time of war" and by capitalizing the next following word "any"; and

(4) adding immediately after section 7 a new section as follows:

"SEC. 8. The Secretary of Defense may designate any claims commission or commissions, appointed under section 1, to consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, and make payment with respect to claims, as described in section 1 hereof, for damages caused by a civilian employee of the Department of Defense other than a civilian employee of the Department of the Army, Navy, or Air Force. Claims under this section shall be considered, ascertained, adjusted, determined, and paid in the same manner provided in this Act for the settlement of Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps claims. All payments in settlement of claims under this section shall be made out of appropriations available to the Office of the Secretary of Defense for the payment of claims.". Commissions.

SEC. 2. The amendments made by clauses (1) and (4) of section 1 of this Act shall be effective with respect to claims accruing after the date of its enactment. Effective date.

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