

Section 1373e, act May 29, 1944, ch. 214, § 6, 58 Stat. 259, related to administrative provisions for carrying out sections 1373 to 1373g of this title.

Section 1373f, act May 29, 1944, ch. 214, § 7, 58 Stat. 259, related to exemption from execution, lien, or other legal process of moneys or annuities under sections 1373 to 1373g of this title.

Section 1373g, act May 29, 1944, ch. 214, § 8, 58 Stat. 269, related to annual estimates of annuity appropriations under sections 1373 to 1373g of this title.

Section 1374, acts July 24, 1947, ch. 308, § 1, 61 Stat. 415; Sept. 26, 1950, ch. 1049, § 2(a)(2), 64 Stat. 1038, related to retirement of certain Panama Canal Railroad Company employees.

Section 1374a, acts July 24, 1947, ch. 308, § 2, 61 Stat. 415; Sept. 26, 1950, ch. 1049, § 2(a)(2), 64 Stat. 1038, related to transfer of pension fund assets of Panama Canal Railroad Company.

Section 1374b, acts July 24, 1947, ch. 308, § 3, 61 Stat. 416; Sept. 26, 1950, ch. 1049, § 2(a)(2), 64 Stat. 1038, related to Panama Canal Railroad Company employees' accounts in civil service fund.

Section 1374c, acts July 24, 1947, ch. 308, § 4, 61 Stat. 416; Sept. 26, 1950, ch. 1049, § 2(a)(2), 64 Stat. 1038, related to redeposit of Panama Canal Railroad Company contribution funds.

Section 1374d, acts July 24, 1947, ch. 308, § 5, 61 Stat. 416; Sept. 26, 1950, ch. 1049, § 2(a)(2), 64 Stat. 1038, related to certain Panama Canal Railroad Company employee annuities.

§§ 1381, 1382. Transferred

CODIFICATION

Section 1381, act July 2, 1940, ch. 516, § 1, 54 Stat. 724, related to setting aside Barro Colorado Island in Gatun Lake for scientific observation, and was transferred to section 79 of Title 20, Education.

Section 1382, act July 2, 1940, ch. 516, § 2, 54 Stat. 724; 1946 Reorg. Plan No. 3, § 801, eff. July 16, 1946, 11 F.R. 7877, 60 Stat. 1101, related to preservation of natural features of area, and was transferred to section 79a of Title 20.

§ 1383. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-554, § 8(a), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 650

Section, act July 2, 1940, ch. 516, § 3, 54 Stat. 724, provided for appointment and compensation of Board of Directors of Canal Zone Biological Area.

§§ 1384 to 1387. Transferred

CODIFICATION

Section 1384, act July 2, 1940, ch. 516, § 4, 54 Stat. 724; 1946 Reorg. Plan No. 3, § 801, eff. July 16, 1946, 11 F.R. 7877, 60 Stat. 1101, related to functions of Smithsonian Institution, and was transferred to section 79b of Title 20, Education.

Section 1385, act July 2, 1940, ch. 516, § 5, 54 Stat. 725; 1946 Reorg. Plan No. 3, § 801, eff. July 16, 1946, 11 F.R. 7877, 60 Stat. 1101, related to resident manager, and was transferred to section 79c of Title 20.

Section 1386, act July 2, 1940, ch. 516, § 6, 54 Stat. 725; 1946 Reorg. Plan No. 3, § 801, eff. July 16, 1946, 11 F.R. 7877, 60 Stat. 1101, related to deposit of receipts into treasury, and was transferred to section 79d of Title 20.

Section 1387, act July 2, 1940, ch. 516, § 7, 54 Stat. 725, related to authorization of appropriations, and was transferred to section 79e of Title 20.

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SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

For additional provisions, constituting a revision of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of the United States, see section 1541 et seq. of this title.

CODIFICATION

A new organic act, or basic charter of civil government, for the people of the Virgin Islands of the United States, was passed in 1954, Act July 22, 1954, ch. 558, 68 Stat. 497, known as the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, is set out as section 1541 et seq. of this title. Section 8(c) of the Revised Organic Act, set out as section 1574(c) of this title, provides that laws of the United States, set out generally in this chapter, as well as local laws and ordinances, including provisions of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of the United States, act June 22, 1936, ch. 699, 49 Stat. 1807, section 1405 et seq. of this title, in force on July 22, 1954, and not inconsistent with act July 22, 1954, are to remain in force and effect until otherwise changed.

CONSTITUTIONS FOR VIRGIN ISLANDS AND GUAM:
ESTABLISHMENT; CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION

Pub. L. 94-584, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2899, as amended by Pub. L. 96-597, title V, § 501, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3479, provided:

“[Section 1. Authorization to organize governments] That the Congress, recognizing the basic democratic principle of government by the consent of the governed, authorities the peoples of the Virgin Islands and of Guam, respectively, to organize governments pursuant to constitutions of their own adoption as provided in this Act.

“SEC. 2. [Constitutional conventions and draft provisions] (a) The Legislatures of the Virgin Islands and Guam, respectively, are authorized to call constitutional conventions to draft, within the existing territorial-Federal relationship, constitutions for the local self-government of the people of the Virgin Islands and Guam.

“(b) Such constitutions shall—

“(1) recognize, and be consistent with, the sovereignty of the United States over the Virgin Islands and Guam, respectively, and the supremacy of the provisions of the Constitution, treaties, and laws of the United States applicable to the Virgin Islands and Guam, respectively, including, but not limited to, those provisions of the Organic Act [this chapter] and Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands [section 1541 et seq. of this title] and the Organic Act of Guam [section 1421 et seq. of this title] which do not relate to local self-government.

“(2) provide for a republican form of government, consisting of three branches: executive, legislative, and judicial;

“(3) contain a bill of rights;

“(4) deal with the subject matter of those provisions of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of 1954, as amended, and the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, respectively, which relate to local self-government;

“(5) with reference to Guam, provide that the voting franchise may be vested only in residents of Guam who are citizens of the United States;

“(6) provide for a system of local courts consistent with the provisions of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, as amended; and

“(7) provide for the establishment of a system of local courts the provisions of which shall become effective no sooner than upon the enactment of legislation regulating the relationship between the local courts of Guam with the Federal judicial system.

“SEC. 3. [Selection and qualifications of members] The members of such constitutional conventions shall be chosen as provided by the laws of the Virgin Islands and Guam, respectively (enacted after the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 21, 1976]): *Provided, however,*

That no person shall be eligible to be a member of the constitutional conventions, unless he is a citizen of the United States and qualified to vote in the Virgin Islands and Guam, respectively.

“SEC. 4. [Submittal of proposed constitutions to governors and President] The conventions shall submit to the Governor of the Virgin Islands a proposed constitution for the Virgin Islands and to the Governor of Guam a proposed constitution for Guam which shall comply with the requirements set forth in section 2(b) above. Such constitutions shall be submitted to the President of the United States by the Governors of the Virgin Islands and Guam.

“SEC. 5. [Transmittal to Congress and submittal to voters] Within sixty calendar days after the respective date on which he has received each constitution, the President shall transmit such constitution together with his comments to the Congress. The constitution, in each case, shall be deemed to have been approved by the Congress within sixty legislative days (not interrupted by an adjournment sine die of the Congress) after its submission by the President, unless prior to that date the Congress has approved the constitution, or modified or amended it, in whole or in part, by joint resolution. As so approved or modified, the constitutions shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the Virgin Islands and Guam, respectively, for acceptance or rejection through islandwide referendums to be conducted as provided under the laws of the Virgin Islands and Guam, respectively, (enacted after the date of enactment of this Act) [Oct. 21, 1976]. Upon approval by not less than a majority of the votes (counting only the affirmative or negative votes) participating in such referendums, the constitutions shall become effective in accordance with their terms.”

DELEGATE TO CONGRESS FROM VIRGIN ISLANDS

Provisions respecting representation in Congress by a Delegate from Virgin Islands to the House of Representatives, see section 1711 et seq. of this title.

§ 1391. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-554, § 8(a), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 643

Section, act Mar. 3, 1917, ch. 171, § 1, 39 Stat. 1132, provided for appointment and pay of Governor of Virgin Islands and other employees.

§ 1392. Local laws continued; courts

Until Congress shall otherwise provide, insofar as compatible with the changed sovereignty and not in conflict with the provisions of this section and sections 1391¹ and 1394 to 1396 of this title, the laws regulating elections and the electoral franchise as set forth in the code of laws published at Amalienborg the 6th day of April, 1906, and the other local laws, in force and effect in said islands on the 17th day of January, 1917, shall remain in force and effect in said islands, and the same shall be administered by the civil officials and through the local judicial tribunals established in said islands, respectively; and the orders, judgments, and decrees of said judicial tribunals shall be duly enforced. With the approval of the President, or under such rules and regulations as the President may prescribe, any of said laws may be repealed, altered, or amended by the colonial council having jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of the judicial tribunals of said islands shall extend to all judicial proceedings and controversies in said islands to which the United States or any citizen thereof may be a party.

(Mar. 3, 1917, ch. 171, § 2, 39 Stat. 1132; June 25, 1948, ch. 646, § 39, 62 Stat. 992.)

¹ See References in Text note below.