THE CODE OF LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TITLE 1—GENERAL PROVISIONS

This title was enacted by act July 30, 1947, ch. 388, § 1, 61 Stat. 633

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POSITIVE LAW; CITATION

This title has been made positive law by section 1 of act July 30, 1947, ch. 388, 61 Stat. 633, which provided in part that: ''Title 1 of the United States Code entitled 'General Provisions', is codified and enacted into positive law and may be cited as '1 U. S. C., § ——.' ''

REPEALS

Section 2 of act July 30, 1947, provided that the sections or parts thereof of the Statutes at Large or the Revised Statutes covering provisions codified in this Act are repealed insofar as the provisions appeared in former Title 1, and provided that any rights or liabilities now existing under the repealed sections or parts thereof shall not be affected by the repeal.

WRITS OF ERROR

Section 23 of act June 25, 1948, ch. 646, 62 Stat. 990, provided that: ''All Acts of Congress referring to writs of error shall be construed as amended to the extent necessary to substitute appeal for writ of error.''

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TITLE REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This title is referred to in title 46 App. section 1279e.

CHAPTER 1—RULES OF CONSTRUCTION

Sec.
1. Words denoting number, gender, etc.[1]
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AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104–199, § 3(b), Sept. 21, 1996, 110 Stat. 2420, added item 7.

§ 1. Words denoting number, gender, and so forth

In determining the meaning of any Act of Congress, unless the context indicates otherwise—

words importing the singular include and apply to several persons, parties, or things;

[1] So in original. Does not conform to section catchline.

words importing the plural include the singular;

words importing the masculine gender include the feminine as well;

words used in the present tense include the future as well as the present;

the words ''insane'' and ''insane person'' and ''lunatic'' shall include every idiot, lunatic, insane person, and person non compos mentis;

the words ''person'' and ''whoever'' include corporations, companies, associations, firms, partnerships, societies, and joint stock companies, as well as individuals;

''officer'' includes any person authorized by law to perform the duties of the office;

''signature'' or ''subscription'' includes a mark when the person making the same intended it as such;

''oath'' includes affirmation, and ''sworn'' includes affirmed;

''writing'' includes printing and typewriting and reproductions of visual symbols by photographing, multigraphing, mimeographing, manifolding, or otherwise.

(July 30, 1947, ch. 388, 61 Stat. 633; June 25, 1948, ch. 645, § 6, 62 Stat. 859; Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 655, § 1, 65 Stat. 710.)

AMENDMENTS

1951—Act Oct. 31, 1951, substituted, in fourth clause after opening clause, ''used'' for ''use''.

1948—Act June 25, 1948, included ''tense'', ''whoever'', ''signature'', ''subscription'', ''writing'' and a broader definition of ''person''.

SHORT TITLE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 104–199, § 1, Sept. 21, 1996, 110 Stat. 2419, provided that: ''This Act [enacting section 7 of this title and section 1738C of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure] may be cited as the 'Defense of Marriage Act'.''

CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES

Section 48 of Pub. L. 86–70, June 25, 1959, 73 Stat. 154, provided that: ''Whenever the phrase 'continental United States' is used in any law of the United States enacted after the date of enactment of this Act [June 25, 1959], it shall mean the 49 States on the North American Continent and the District of Columbia, unless otherwise expressly provided.''

FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

Affirmation in lieu of oath, see rule 43, Title 28, Appendix, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

CROSS REFERENCES

Internal Revenue Code definitions, see section 7701 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code.

Person as including associations, see section 1401 of Title 19, Customs Duties; section 801 of Title 46, Appendix, Shipping; section 30 of Title 47, Telegraphs, Telephones, and Radiotelegraphs.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 10 section 101; title 16 section 2402; title 28 section 3701; title 30 sections 1511, 1531; title 31 section 5312; title 32 section 101; title 37 section 101; title 39 section 5215; title 49 sections 5102, 10102, 13102, 40102, 60101.

§ 2. "County" as including "parish", and so forth

The word ''county'' includes a parish, or any other equivalent subdivision of a State or Territory of the United States.

(July 30, 1947, ch. 388, 61 Stat. 633.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 10 section 101; title 12 sections 3702, 3752; title 32 section 101; title 37 section 101.

§ 3. "Vessel" as including all means of water transportation

The word ''vessel'' includes every description of watercraft or other artificial contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on water.

(July 30, 1947, ch. 388, 61 Stat. 633.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 10 section 101; title 32 section 101; title 37 section 101; title 46 section 2101; title 46 App. section 1241*o*.

§ 4. "Vehicle" as including all means of land transportation

The word ''vehicle'' includes every description of carriage or other artificial contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on land.

(July 30, 1947, ch. 388, 61 Stat. 633.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 10 section 101; title 32 section 101; title 37 section 101.

§ 5. "Company" or "association" as including successors and assigns

The word ''company'' or ''association'', when used in reference to a corporation, shall be deemed to embrace the words ''successors and assigns of such company or association'', in like manner as if these last-named words, or words of similar import, were expressed.

(July 30, 1947, ch. 388, 61 Stat. 633.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 10 section 101; title 32 section 101; title 37 section 101.

§ 6. Limitation of term "products of American fisheries"

Wherever, in the statutes of the United States or in the rulings, regulations, or interpretations of various administrative bureaus and agencies of the United States there appears or may appear the term ''products of American fisheries'' said term shall not include fresh or frozen fish fillets, fresh or frozen fish steaks, or fresh or frozen slices of fish substantially free of bone (including any of the foregoing divided into sections), produced in a foreign country or its territorial waters, in whole or in part with the use of the labor of persons who are not residents of the United States.

(July 30, 1947, ch. 388, 61 Stat. 634.)

§ 7. Definition of "marriage" and "spouse"

In determining the meaning of any Act of Congress, or of any ruling, regulation, or interpretation of the various administrative bureaus and agencies of the United States, the word ''marriage'' means only a legal union between one