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# SENATE BILLS.

## Senate Bill No. 25.

CHAPTER 326, STATUTES 1921.

(By Senator Scott.)

*An act to amend sections four thousand two hundred ninety-five and four thousand two hundred ninety-seven of the Political Code, relating to official services and fees.*

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section four thousand two hundred ninety-five of the Political Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

4295. State, county, and township officers shall not, in any case, except in proceedings upon habeas corpus, perform any official services unless upon the prepayment of such fees as are prescribed by law, for the performance of such services; *provided*, that the state or any county, city or city and county, or any public officer, or board or body, acting in his, or her, or its official capacity on behalf of the state, or any county, city, or city and county, shall not be required to pay or deposit any fee for the filing of any document or paper, or for the performance of any official service; *provided, further*, that the state, or any county, city, or city and county, or any public officer, or board or body, acting in his or her or its official capacity, on behalf of the state, or county, or city, or city and county, except notaries public, shall not collect, demand, or receive any fee or compensation for recording or indexing any discharge of a soldier, sailor, or marine, of the United States army, navy, or marine corps, or of a nurse who served in the American Red Cross or in the army or navy nurse corps, or for issuing certified copies thereof, or for any service whatever rendered in the matter of a pension claim, application, affidavit, voucher, or in the matter of any claim to be presented to the bureau of war risk insurance, under and by virtue of an act of congress of the United States, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to authorize the establishment of a bureau of war risk insurance in the treasury department,' " approved October 6, 1917, and acts amendatory thereof; or furnishing a verified copy of the public record of a marriage, death, birth, or divorce, deed of trust, mortgage, or property assessment, or making the search for the same, wherein the same is to be used in a claim for pension, or a claim for allotment, allowance, compensation, insurance automatic insurance, or otherwise, under the said act, establishing the said bureau of war risk insurance. Notaries public shall not make any charge for an acknowledgment to any document that is to be filed in any pending claim in the

bureau of pensions, department of the interior, or in the bureau of war risk insurance, treasury department.

Said services shall be rendered on the request of a United States official, a claimant, his or her guardian, or attorney, and for every failure or refusal so to do, such officer shall be liable on his or her official bond.

Upon payment by any person of the fees required by law, the officer must perform the services required, and for every failure or refusal so to do, such officer shall be liable on his or her official bond.

SEC. 2. Section four thousand two hundred ninety-seven of the Political Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

4297. No fee or compensation of any kind must be charged or received by any officer for duties performed or services rendered in proceedings upon habeas corpus, nor for administering or certifying the oath of office nor filing nor swearing to any claim or demand against any county in this state. State, or any county, city, and city and county, or any public officer, except notaries public, or board or body, acting in his or her, or its official capacity, on behalf of the state, or any county, city, or city and county, shall not receive fees or other compensation for services rendered in an affidavit, or application relating to the securing of a pension, or the payment of a pension voucher, or any matter relating thereto. No charge shall be made by notaries public for an acknowledgment of a claimant or a witness, in the matter of a claim pending in the bureau of pensions, department of the interior, or in the bureau of war risk insurance, treasury department; *provided*, said acts are performed in the designated office of the notaries public.

### Senate Bill No. 26.

CHAPTER 577, STATUTES 1921.

(By Senator Scott.)

*An act to amend sections twenty-six and twenty-seven of an act entitled, "An act to provide for a general system, based upon investigation as to merit, efficiency and fitness, for appointment to and holding during good behavior of office and employment under state authority and, in that behalf, to create a state civil service commission, to prescribe its powers and duties, to make the wilful violation of the provisions of this act a misdemeanor, to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith in so far as they may be inconsistent with the provisions of this act, and to make an appropriation therefor," approved June 16, 1913, as amended.*

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section twenty-six of an act entitled, "An act to provide for a general system, based upon investigation



as to merit, efficiency and fitness, for appointment <sup>to</sup> and holding during good behavior of office and employment under state authority and, in that behalf, to create a state civil service commission, to prescribe its powers and duties, to make the wilful violation of the provisions of this act a misdemeanor, to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith in so far as they may be inconsistent with the provisions of this act, and to make an appropriation therefor," approved June 16, 1913, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26. The term veteran as used in this act means and includes any person who has served in the United States army, navy, marine corps, revenue marine service, or as an active nurse in the service of the American Red Cross, or in the army and navy nurse corps in time of war, or in any expedition of the armed forces of the United States, and received an honorable discharge or certificate of honorable active service proof of which shall be submitted to the civil service commission at the time of examination.

Sec. 2. Section twenty-seven of said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27. The civil service commission shall by rule establish preference for veterans as follows: In the case of entrance examinations to establish eligible lists for policemen and watchmen, veterans who become eligible for appointment by attaining the passing mark established for the examination, and whose service as veterans exceeds three months, shall be classified on such eligible lists in the relative order of the individual ratings attained, and ahead of all non-veterans passing such examinations, and shall be eligible for appointment on the basis of such order of standing on such eligible lists.

In the case of all other entrance examinations, veterans with thirty days or more of service, and widows of veterans who were married to such veterans on or before November 11, 1918, who become eligible for appointment by attaining the passing mark established for the examination, shall be allowed an additional credit of five points, which shall be added to the percentages attained in such examinations by such veterans, and they shall be placed on eligible lists and be eligible for appointment in the order and on the basis of the percentages attained by them in examinations after such credit of five points shall have been added. All ties shall be decided in favor of veterans; *provided, however*, in the case of promotional examinations, a credit of three points shall be allowed to veterans and widows of veterans who were married to such veterans on or before November 11, 1918.

The civil service commission, for specific state services or employments, as determined by the commission, may, in examination, allow general or individual preferences in rating to veterans who have suffered permanent disability in line of duty; *provided*, that such disability would not prevent the proper performance of the duties required under such service

or employment, and provided that such disability was of record in the files of the war department as of July 1, 1920.

In the case of examination to establish eligible lists for artisans, and in which credits are allowed for experience as a journeyman, periods of service in the armed forces of the United States, whether as artisan or otherwise, shall be counted by the commission as journeyman experience.

**Senate Bill No. 69.**

CHAPTER 350, STATUTES 1921.

(By Senator Anderson.)

*An act to amend section ten of the Political Code, relating to holidays.*

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section ten of the Political Code is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

10. Holidays within the meaning of this code, are every Sunday, the first day of January, twelfth day of February, to be known as Lincoln day, twenty-second day of February, thirtieth day of May, fourth day of July, ninth day of September, first Monday in September, twelfth day of October, to be known as "Columbus day," twenty-fifth day of December, eleventh day of November, known as "Armistice day," every day on which an election is held throughout the state, except a general primary election, and every day appointed by the president of the United States or by the governor of this state for a public fast, thanksgiving or holiday.

If the first day of January, twelfth day of February, twenty-second day of February, the thirtieth day of May, the fourth day of July, the ninth day of September, the twelfth day of October, the twenty-fifth day of December or eleventh day of November falls upon a Sunday, the Monday following is a holiday.

Every Saturday from twelve o'clock noon until twelve o'clock midnight is a holiday as regards the transaction of business in the public offices of this state, and also in political divisions thereof where laws, ordinances or charters provide that public offices shall be closed on holidays; this shall not be construed to prevent or invalidate the issuance, filing, service, execution or recording of any legal process or written instrument whatever on such Saturday afternoon; *and provided, further,* that the public schools of this state shall close on Saturday, Sunday, the first day of January, the thirtieth day of May, the fourth day of July, the ninth day of September, the twenty-fifth day of December, and on every day appointed by the president of the United States or the governor of this state for a public fast, thanksgiving or holiday. Said public schools shall continue in session on all other legal holidays and

shall hold proper exercises commemorating the day. Boards of school trustees and city boards of education shall have power to declare a holiday in the public schools under their jurisdiction when good reason exists therefor.

All public offices of the state and all state institutions, including the state university and all public schools in the state shall be closed on the ninth day of September of each year, known as "Admission day."

**Senate Bill No. 592.**

CHAPTER 578, STATUTES 1921.

(By Senator Inman.)

*An act to authorize the creation of a debt or debts, liability or liabilities, through the issuance and sale of state bonds, for the single object of creating a fund to carry on the operations of the veterans' welfare board in accordance with the provisions of the California veterans' welfare act enacted at the forty-fourth session of the legislature of the State of California, and also in accordance with the provisions of the veterans' farm and home purchase act enacted at the forty-fourth session of the legislature of the State of California, or either of them enacted at the forty-fourth session of the legislature of the State of California, and of any and all acts amendatory or supplemental to said acts, or either of them; to provide ways and means, exclusive of loans, for the payment of the interest of such debt or debts, liability or liabilities, as such interest falls due, and also for the payment and discharge of the principal of such debt or debts, liability or liabilities, as such principal matures; to create a veterans' welfare finance committee the members of which are to serve without compensation; to define the powers and duties of said veterans' welfare finance committee and of other state officers in relation to this act; to appropriate money for the expense of preparing and of advertising the sale of the bonds herein authorized to be issued; and to provide for the submission of this act to a vote of the people at the general election to be held in the month of November, 1922.*

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. For the purpose of creating a fund to carry on the operations of the veterans' welfare board in accordance with the provisions of the California veterans' welfare act enacted at the forty-fourth session of the legislature of the State of California, and also in accordance with the provisions of the veterans' farm and home purchase act enacted at the forty-fourth session of the legislature of the State of California, or either of them enacted at the forty-fourth session of the legislature of the State of California, and of any and