


UNITED STATES CENSUS OFFICE




Act of March 6, 1902

Providing for the Establishment

of a

Permanent Census Office

With amendatory acts, and provisions of other acts relating
to the Census Office



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Permanent Census Act

Approved March 6, 1902



[PUBLIC NO. 27.]

An Act To provide for a permanent Census Office.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United*
 2 *States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Census Office tem-
 3 porarily established in the Department of the Interior in accordance
 4 with an Act entitled "An Act to provide for taking the Twelfth and
 5 subsequent censuses," approved March third, eighteen hundred and
 6 ninety-nine, is hereby made a permanent office.

7 SEC. 2. That the work pertaining to the Twelfth Census shall be
 8 carried on by the Census Office under the existing organization until
 9 the first day of July, nineteen hundred and two, when the permanent
 10 Census Office herein provided for shall be organized by the Director
 11 of the Census.

12 SEC. 3. That the permanent Census Office shall be in charge of a
 13 Director of the Census, appointed by the President, by and with the
 14 advice and consent of the Senate, who shall receive an annual salary
 15 of six thousand dollars. It shall be his duty to superintend and direct
 16 the taking of the Thirteenth and subsequent censuses of the United
 17 States and to perform such other duties as may be imposed upon him
 18 by law.

19 SEC. 4. That there shall be in the Census Office, to be appointed by
 20 the Director thereof, with the approval of the head of the Department
 21 to which the said Census Office is attached, four chief statisticians,
 22 who shall be persons of known and tried experience in statistical work,
 23 at an annual salary of two thousand five hundred dollars each; a chief
 24 clerk, at an annual salary of two thousand five hundred dollars, who,
 25 in the absence of the Director, shall serve as acting director; a dis-
 26 bursing clerk, who shall also act as appointment clerk, at an annual
 27 salary of two thousand five hundred dollars; one stenographer, at an
 28 annual salary of one thousand five hundred dollars; four expert chiefs
 29 of division, at an annual salary of one thousand eight hundred dollars
 30 each; six clerks of class three; ten clerks of class two; and such num-
 31 ber of clerks of class one, and of clerks, copyists, computers, and
 32 skilled laborers, with salaries at the rate of not less than six hundred
 33 dollars nor more than one thousand dollars per annum, messengers,
 34 assistant messengers, watchmen, and charwomen as may be necessary
 35 for the proper and prompt performance of the duties required by law.
 36 The disbursing clerk herein provided for shall, before entering upon
 37 his duties, give bond to the Secretary of the Treasury in the sum of
 38 twenty-five thousand dollars, which bond shall be conditioned that the
 39 said officer shall render a true and faithful account to the proper
 40 accounting officers of the Treasury quarter yearly of all moneys and
 41 properties which shall be received by him by virtue of his office, with
 42 surety, to be approved by the Solicitor of the Treasury. Such bond
 43 shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Treasury, to be by
 44 him put in suit upon any breach of the conditions thereof.

45 SEC. 5. That all employees of the Census Office, at the date of the
 46 passage of this Act, except unskilled laborers, may be appointed by

Census Office temporary.

Census Office made permanent.
Twelfth census organization ends.

Permanent Census Office organized:
By Director.

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Organization.
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Chief statisticians.

Chief clerk.

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Clerks, copyists, computers, skilled laborers, messengers, assistant messengers, watchmen, and charwomen.

Disbursing clerk, bond of.

Employees under temporary organization eligible for appointment.

1 the Director of the Census with the approval of the head of the Depart-
 2 ment to which said Census Office is attached, and when so appointed
 3 shall be and they are hereby placed, without further examination,
 4 under the provisions of the civil service Act approved January six-
 5 teenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, and the amendments
 6 thereto and the rules established thereunder; and persons who have
 7 served as soldiers in any war in which the United States may have
 8 been engaged, who have been honorably discharged from the service
 9 of the United States, and the widows of such soldiers, shall have
 10 preference in the matter of employment; and all new appointments to
 11 the permanent clerical force in the Census Office hereby created shall
 12 be made in accordance with the requirements of the civil service Act
 13 above referred to.

14 **SEC. 6.** That all the provisions of the Act of March third, eighteen
 15 hundred and ninety-nine, relating to the Twelfth Census, not incon-
 16 sistent with the provisions of this Act, shall remain in full force and
 17 effect for the taking of the Thirteenth and subsequent censuses.

18 **SEC. 7.** That section eight of the Act of March third, eighteen hun-
 19 dred and ninety-nine, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: That
 20 after the completion and return of the enumeration and of the work
 21 upon the schedules relating to the products of agriculture and to man-
 22 ufacturing and mechanical establishments provided for in section seven
 23 of this Act, the Director of the Census is hereby authorized decennially
 24 to collect statistics relating to special classes, including the insane,
 25 feeble-minded, deaf, dumb, and blind; to crime, pauperism, and benevo-
 26 lence, including prisoners, paupers, juvenile delinquents, and inmates
 27 of benevolent and reformatory institutions; to social statistics of cities;
 28 to public indebtedness, valuation, taxation, and expenditures; to reli-
 29 gious bodies; to electric light and power, telephone, and telegraph
 30 business; to transportation by water, express business, and street rail-
 31 ways; to mines, mining, quarries and minerals, and the production
 32 and value thereof, including gold in divisions of placer and vein, and
 33 silver mines, and the number of men employed, the average daily
 34 wage, average working time, and aggregate earnings in the various
 35 branches and aforesaid divisions of the mining and quarrying industries
 36 until July first, nineteen hundred and four. And the Director of the
 37 Census shall prepare schedules containing such interrogatories as shall
 38 in his judgment be best adapted to elicit the information required
 39 under these subjects, with such specifications, divisions, and particu-
 40 lars under each head as he shall deem necessary to that end; and all
 41 reports prepared under the provisions of this section shall be desig-
 42 nated as "Special reports of the Census Office." For the purpose of
 43 securing the statistics required by this section, the Director of the
 44 Census may appoint special agents when necessary, and such special
 45 agents shall receive compensation as hereinafter provided: *Provided,*
 46 That the statistics of special classes, and of crime, pauperism, and
 47 benevolence specified in this section, shall be restricted to institutions
 48 containing such classes and the Director of the Census is authorized
 49 and directed to collect statistics relating to all of the deaf, dumb, and
 50 blind, notwithstanding the restrictions and limitations contained in
 51 section eight of said Act entitled "An Act to provide for taking the
 52 Twelfth and subsequent censuses": *Provided,* That in taking the cen-
 53 sus of said classes the inquiries shall be confined to the following four
 54 questions, namely: Name, age, sex, and post-office address.

Without examination.
Placed under civil service.

Soldiers, preference given to.

Soldiers' widows, preference
given to;
New appointments.
Under civil service Act.

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Thirteenth and subsequent
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8 amended.

Decennial statistics provided
for:
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blind.
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lence, prisoners, paupers,
juvenile delinquents, in-
mates of benevolent and re-
formatory institutions.
Social statistics of cities.
Public indebtedness, valua-
tion, taxation, expendi-
tures.
Religious bodies.
Electric light and power
telephone and telegraph.
Transportation, mines, quar-
ries, and minerals.

Schedules.

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Special agents.
Compensation.

Statistics of special classes re-
stricted.

Statistics of deaf, dumb, and
blind.

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| <p>1 Sec. 8. That there shall be a collection of the statistics of the births 2 and deaths in registration areas for the year nineteen hundred and 3 two, and annually thereafter, the data for which shall be obtained only 4 from and restricted to such registration records of such states and 5 municipalities as in the discretion of the Director possess records 6 affording satisfactory data in necessary detail, the compensation for 7 the transcription of which shall not exceed two cents for each birth or 8 death reported.</p> | <p>Statistics of births and deaths Collection, date of.</p> <p>Restricted to registration areas.</p> <p>Compensation for transcrip- tion.</p> |
| <p>9 Sec. 9. That in the year nineteen hundred and five, and every ten 10 years thereafter, there shall be a collection of the statistics of manu- 11 factures, confined to manufacturing establishments conducted under 12 what is known as the factory system, exclusive of the so-called neigh- 13 borhood and mechanical industries; and the Director is hereby author- 14 ized to prepare such schedules as in his judgment may be necessary 15 to carry out the provisions of this section; and that in addition to the 16 statistics now provided for by law the Director of the Census shall 17 annually collect the statistics of the cotton production of the country 18 as returned by the ginners and bulletins giving the results of the same 19 shall be issued weekly beginning September first of each year and con- 20 tinued till February first following; and that the Director of the Census 21 shall make, from time to time, any additional special collections of 22 statistics relating to any branch of agriculture, manufacture, mining, 23 transportation, fisheries, or any other branch of industry that may be 24 required of him by Congress.</p> | <p>Manufactures, intermediate statistics of: Collection, date of. Restricted to.</p> <p>Schedules.</p> <p>Cotton production, annual sta- tistics of: Bulletins, Issue, date of.</p> <p>Statistics, additional special collections of:</p> <p>When required by Congress.</p> |
| <p>25 Sec. 10. That section seventeen of the Act of March third, eighteen 26 hundred and ninety-nine, is hereby amended, so as to read as follows:</p> | <p>Census Act, Mar. 3, 1899: Section 17, amended.</p> |
| <p>27 "Sec. 17. That the special agents appointed under the provisions 28 of this Act have like authority with the enumerators in respect to the 29 subjects committed to them under this Act and shall receive compen- 30 sation at rates to be fixed by the Director of the Census: <i>Provided</i>, 31 That the same shall in no case exceed six dollars per day and actual 32 necessary traveling expenses and an allowance in lieu of subsistence 33 not exceeding three dollars per day during their necessary absence 34 from their usual place of residence: <i>And provided further</i>, That no 35 pay or allowance in lieu of subsistence shall be allowed special agents 36 when employed in the Census Office on other than the special work 37 committed to them, and no appointments of special agents shall be 38 made for clerical work: <i>And provided further</i>, That the Director of 39 the Census is hereby authorized in his discretion to employ the cler- 40 ical force of the Census Office for such field work as may be required 41 to carry out the provisions of sections seven, eight, and nine, in lieu 42 of employing special agents for that purpose; and such employees 43 when so employed shall be allowed, in addition to their regular com- 44 pensation, actual necessary traveling expenses and an allowance in 45 lieu of subsistence not exceeding three dollars per day during their 46 necessary absence from the Census Office. All employees of the Cen- 47 sus Office shall be citizens of the United States."</p> | <p>Special agents:</p> <p>Compensation.</p> <p>Expenses.</p> <p>Not for clerical work.</p> <p>Clerical force may be employed for field work.</p> <p>Expenses.</p> <p>Employees, Citizenship.</p> |
| <p>48 Sec. 11. That the printing office established in the Census Office is 49 hereby abolished to take effect July first, nineteen hundred and two, 50 and the outfit and equipment therein shall be turned over to the Public 51 Printer; and the Director of the Census is hereby authorized and 52 directed to have printed, published, and distributed, from time to time, 53 bulletins and reports of the preliminary and other results of the 54 various investigations authorized by law; and all of said printing and</p> | <p>Printing office abolished: Date.</p> <p>Printing and publishing: Bulletins and reports. Distributed.</p> |

1 binding shall be done by the Public Printer at the Government Print-
2 ing Office.

3 SEC. 12. That the supplemental acts amendatory of the Act of
4 March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, approved February
5 first, nineteen hundred, May tenth, nineteen hundred, June second,
6 nineteen hundred, February twenty-third, nineteen hundred and one,
7 are hereby repealed; and all provisions of the Act of March third,
8 eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, inconsistent with this Act are
9 hereby repealed.

Approved, March 6, 1902.

Printing and binding:
By Public Printer.

Census Act, Mar. 3, 1899:
Amendatory acts repealed.

Provisions inconsistent re-
pealed.



Act to amend Section 4

[PUBLIC—No. 202.]

An Act To amend section four of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for a permanent Census Office," approved March sixth, nineteen hundred and two.

10 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United*
11 *States of America in Congress assembled,* That section four of an Act
12 of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for a permanent Census
13 Office," approved March sixth, nineteen hundred and two, be, and the
14 same is hereby, amended by inserting, after the word "watchmen,"
15 and before the words "and charwomen," where the same occur in said
16 section four, the words "unskilled laborers."

Approved, June 30, 1902.

Permanent Census Act, Mar. 6,
1902.
Section 4 amended.

Unskilled laborers.



Joint Resolution authorizing the compilation of Irrigation Statistics

[PUBLIC RESOLUTION—No. 40.]

Joint Resolution Authorizing the Director of the Census to compile statistics relating to irrigation.

17 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United*
18 *States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Director of the Cen-
19 sus be, and hereby is, authorized and directed, upon the completion of
20 the volume of agricultural statistics, the year eighteen hundred and
21 ninety-nine, to complete and bring up to date of the crop year of
22 nineteen hundred and two, the statistics relating to irrigation, the area
23 of land reclaimed, the cost and value of the works, and such other
24 information as can be obtained bearing upon the present condition of
25 irrigation.

Approved, June 30, 1902.

Director collects irrigation sta-
tistics, when.

For crop year 1902:
Area of land reclaimed,
Cost and value of works, etc.

Sections from various acts which relate to the Permanent Census Office



FROM PUBLIC—No. 182.

An Act Making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and three, and for other purposes.

MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTS, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

1 CENSUS OFFICE: The unexpended balance of the appropriation made
2 by the sundry civil appropriation Act approved March third, nineteen
3 hundred and one, for salaries and necessary expenses for taking and
4 compiling results of the Twelfth Census is hereby reappropriated and
5 made available for continuing the work of taking the Twelfth Census,
6 and for all expenses, including cost of all printing, arising under and
7 authorized by the Act to provide for a permanent Census Office,
8 approved March sixth, nineteen hundred and two, including the pur-
9 chase of necessary law books, books of reference and periodicals, and
10 manuscripts: *Provided*, That estimates in detail for the expenses of
11 the permanent Census Office for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and
12 four and annually thereafter shall be submitted in the regular Book of
13 Estimates.

Approved, June 28, 1902.

Sundry Civil Appropriation Act, Mar. 3, 1901.
Unexpended balance for salaries and expenses, Twelfth Census, reappropriated.
Made available for permanent Census Office.

Permanent Census Act, Mar. 6, 1902.
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FROM PUBLIC—No. 217.

An Act Making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and two, and for prior years, and for other purposes.

14 TWELFTH CENSUS: The accounting officers of the Treasury are hereby
15 authorized and directed to credit in the accounts of H. A. Barrows,
16 disbursing clerk of the Census Office, the sum of one hundred and
17 eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents, being amount expended by him
18 for crayon portraits and frames disallowed by the said accounting
19 officers.

20 The Director of the Census is hereby authorized to pay the sum of
21 thirty-three dollars and fifty cents for one Burr index purchased
22 through error, and which has been in constant use in the Census Office
23 for over two years.

24 The Director of the Census is hereby authorized to pay to Charles
25 W. Parker the sum of eighty-one dollars for money expended by him
26 as acting superintendent of printing in the Census Office in the matter
27 of sale of census proofs.

28 The repeal of the supplementary acts amendatory of the Act of
29 March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, enumerated in section
30 twelve of the Act of March sixth, nineteen hundred and two, entitled
31 "An Act to provide for a permanent Census Office," shall not be con-
32 strued to take effect until the termination of the temporary organiza-
33 tion of the office as provided in the last-named Act: *And provided*
34 *further*, That the disbursing clerk of the Census Office may pay out
35 of the census fund on or after June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and
36 two, to employees of the office who are not to be reappointed on July
37 first, for whatever leave of absence the Director of the Census may,
38 in his discretion, allow them, not to exceed, however, the annual leave
39 authorized by existing law; such payment to be in addition to the sal-
40 ary due them for services rendered to that date.

Approved, July 1, 1902.

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Act of Mar. 3, 1899.
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FROM PUBLIC—NO. 235.

An Act Temporarily to provide for the administration of the affairs of civil government in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes.

1 SEC. 6. That whenever the existing insurrection in the Philippine
 2 Islands shall have ceased and a condition of general and complete
 3 peace shall have been established therein and the fact shall be certified
 4 to the President by the Philippine Commission, the President, upon
 5 being satisfied thereof, shall order a census of the Philippine Islands
 6 to be taken by said Philippine Commission; such census in its inquir-
 7 ies relating to the population shall take and make so far as practicable
 8 full report for all the inhabitants, of name, age, sex, race, or tribe,
 9 whether native or foreign born, literacy in Spanish, native dialect or
 10 language, or in English, school attendance, ownership of homes, indus-
 11 trial and social statistics, and such other information separately for
 12 each island, each province, and municipality, or other civil division,
 13 as the President and said Commission may deem necessary: *Provided,*
 14 That the President may, upon the request of said Commission, in his
 15 discretion, employ the service of the Census Bureau in compiling and
 16 promulgating the statistical information above provided for, and may
 17 commit to such Bureau any part or portion of such labor as to him
 18 may seem wise.

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Approved, July 1, 1902.

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