

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-145 effective 90 days after Nov. 8, 1985, see section 1224(d) of Pub. L. 99-145, set out as a note under section 2683 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

**SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT**

ACT OCT. 17, 1940, CH. 888, 54 STAT. 1178

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**CODIFICATION**

The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, comprising sections 501 to 515 and 516 to 597b of this Appendix, was originally enacted as act Oct. 17, 1940, ch. 888, 54 Stat. 1178, known as the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, and amended by acts Oct. 6, 1942, ch. 581, 56 Stat. 769; July 3, 1944, ch. 397, 58 Stat. 722; Apr. 3, 1948, ch. 170, 62 Stat. 160; June 23, 1952, ch. 450, 66 Stat. 151; July 11, 1956, ch. 570, 70 Stat. 528; Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1105; Pub. L. 86-721, Sept. 8, 1960, 74 Stat. 820; Pub. L. 87-771, Oct. 9, 1962, 76 Stat. 768; Pub. L. 89-358, Mar. 3, 1966, 80 Stat. 12; Pub. L. 92-540, Oct. 24, 1972, 86 Stat. 1074; Pub. L. 102-12, Mar. 18, 1991, 105 Stat. 34; Pub. L. 104-106, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 186; Pub. L. 107-107, Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1012; Pub. L. 107-330, Dec. 6, 2002, 116 Stat. 2820. Sections of the act Oct. 17, 1940, are shown herein, however, as having been added by Pub. L. 108-189, §1, Dec. 19, 2003, 117 Stat. 2835, without reference to the intervening amendments listed above because of the extensive revision of act Oct. 17, 1940, by Pub. L. 108-189.

**SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT OF 1918**

Former provisions on this subject were contained in act Mar. 8, 1918, ch. 20, 40 Stat. 440, known as the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1918, section 101 et seq. of this Appendix.

**§ 501. Short title**

This Act [sections 501 to 515 and 516 to 597b of this Appendix] may be cited as the "Servicemembers Civil Relief Act".

(Oct. 17, 1940, ch. 888, §1(a), as added Pub. L. 108-189, §1, Dec. 19, 2003, 117 Stat. 2835.)

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 501, act Oct. 17, 1940, ch. 888, §1, 54 Stat. 1178, provided that this Act could be cited as the Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Act of 1940, prior to the general amendment of this Act by Pub. L. 108-189.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Pub. L. 108-189, §3, Dec. 19, 2003, 117 Stat. 2866, provided that: "The amendment made by section 1 [enacting sections 501 to 515 and 516 to 596 of this Appendix] shall apply to any case that is not final before the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 19, 2003]."