

§ 1661. Islands of eastern Samoa

(a) Ceded to and accepted by United States

The cessions by certain chiefs of the islands of Tutuila and Manua and certain other islands of the Samoan group lying between the thirteenth and fifteenth degrees of latitude south of the Equator and between the one hundred and sixty-seventh and one hundred and seventy-first degrees of longitude west of Greenwich, herein referred to as the islands of eastern Samoa, are accepted, ratified, and confirmed, as of April 10, 1900, and July 16, 1904, respectively.

(b) Public land laws; revenue

The existing laws of the United States relative to public lands shall not apply to such lands in the said islands of eastern Samoa; but the Congress of the United States shall enact special laws for their management and disposition: *Provided*, That all revenue from or proceeds of the same, except as regards such part thereof as may be used or occupied for the civil, military, or naval purposes of the United States or may be assigned for the use of the local government, shall be used solely for the benefit of the inhabitants of the said islands of eastern Samoa for educational and other public purposes.

(c) Government

Until Congress shall provide for the government of such islands, all civil, judicial, and military powers shall be vested in such person or persons and shall be exercised in such manner as the President of the United States shall direct; and the President shall have power to remove said officers and fill the vacancies so occasioned.

(Feb. 20, 1929, ch. 281, 45 Stat. 1253; May 22, 1929, ch. 6, 46 Stat. 4.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The existing laws of the United States relative to public lands, referred to in subsec. (b), are classified generally to Title 43, Public Lands.

CODIFICATION

Subsec. (d) of this section, which provided for recommendation of legislation concerning the islands of eastern Samoa by seven commissioners as soon as reasonably practicable, was omitted from the Code.

Section was formerly classified to section 1431a of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1929—Subsec. (d). Act May 22, 1929, substituted “seven” and “three” for “six” and “two”, respectively, and inserted “or high chiefs” after “chiefs”.

AUTHORITY OF GUAM, AMERICAN SAMOA, AND THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS TO ENACT REVENUE LAWS

See section 1271 of Pub. L. 99-514, set out as a note under section 931 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code.

SUBMERGED LANDS, CONVEYANCE TO TERRITORY

Conveyance of submerged lands to the government of American Samoa, see section 1701 et seq. of this title.

§ 1662. Sovereignty of United States extended over Swains Island

The sovereignty of the United States over American Samoa is extended over Swains Island, which is made a part of American Samoa and placed under the jurisdiction of the adminis-

trative and judicial authorities of the government established therein by the United States.

(Mar. 4, 1925, ch. 563, 43 Stat. 1357.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 1431 of this title.

TRANSFER OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TO GOVERNMENT OF AMERICAN SAMOA

Pub. L. 96-597, title I, §101, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3477, provided that: “Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to valid existing rights, all right, title, and interest of the Government of the United States in personal property situated in American Samoa shall be transferred, without reimbursement, to the American Samoa government on October 1, 1981, unless the agency of the Government of the United States having administrative responsibility for the property advises the Secretary of the Interior in writing before the date of transfer that it has a continuing requirement for such property.”

TRANSFER OF CERTAIN PROPERTY TO GOVERNMENT OF AMERICAN SAMOA

Pub. L. 87-158, Aug. 17, 1961, 75 Stat. 392, authorized the Secretary of the Navy to transfer, without reimbursement or transfer of funds, to the government of American Samoa, within ninety days after August 17, 1961, title to all property, real and personal, located in American Samoa on that date which was owned by the United States and was within the administrative supervision of the Department of the Navy on such date.

SUBMERGED LANDS, CONVEYANCE TO TERRITORY

Conveyance of submerged lands to the government of American Samoa, see section 1701 et seq. of this title.

EX. ORD. NO. 10264. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATION OF AMERICAN SAMOA

Ex. Ord. No. 10264, eff. June 29, 1951, 16 F.R. 6419, provided:

1. The administration of American Samoa is hereby transferred from the Secretary of the Navy to the Secretary of the Interior, such transfer to become effective on July 1, 1951.

2. The Department of the Navy and the Department of the Interior shall proceed with the plans for the transfer of administration of American Samoa as embodied in the above-mentioned memorandum of understanding between the two departments.

3. When the transfer of administration made by this order becomes effective, the Secretary of the Interior shall take such action as may be necessary and appropriate, and in harmony with applicable law, for the administration of civil government in American Samoa.

4. The executive departments and agencies of the Government are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Departments of the Navy and Interior in the effectuation of the provisions of this order.

5. The said Executive order of February 19, 1900 [Ex. Ord. 125-A], is revoked, effective July 1, 1951.

HARRY S. TRUMAN.

§ 1662a. Amendment of constitution of American Samoa

Amendments of, or modifications to, the constitution of American Samoa, as approved by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to Executive Order 10264 as in effect January 1, 1983, may be made only by Act of Congress.

(Pub. L. 98-213, §12, Dec. 8, 1983, 97 Stat. 1462.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Executive Order 10264, referred to in text, is set out under section 1662 of this title.

§ 1663. Acknowledgment of deeds

Deeds and other instruments affecting land situate in the District of Columbia or any Territory of the United States may be acknowledged in the islands of Guam and Samoa or in the Canal Zone before any notary public or judge, appointed therein by proper authority, or by any officer therein who has ex officio the powers of a notary public: *Provided*, That the certificate by such notary in Guam, Samoa, or the Canal Zone, as the case may be, shall be accompanied by the certificate of the governor or acting governor of such place to the effect that the notary taking said acknowledgment was in fact the officer he purported to be; and any deeds or other instruments affecting lands so situate, so acknowledged since the first day of January, 1905, and accompanied by such certificate shall have the same effect as such deeds or other instruments hereafter so acknowledged and certified.

(June 28, 1906, ch. 3585, 34 Stat. 552.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of Canal Zone, referred to in text, see section 3602(b) of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse.

CODIFICATION

Section is also classified to section 1421f-1 of this title.

Section was formerly classified to sections 1358 and 1432 of this title.

§ 1664. Repealed. Pub. L. 109-304, § 19, Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1710

Section, act June 14, 1934, ch. 523, 48 Stat. 963, made coastwise shipping laws of United States inapplicable to commerce between the islands of American Samoa or between those islands and other ports under the jurisdiction of the United States. See section 55101 of Title 46, Shipping.

§ 1665. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section, act Oct. 5, 1992, Pub. L. 102-381, title I, 106 Stat. 1392, which authorized Territorial and local governments of American Samoa to make purchases through General Services Administration, was from the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1992, and was not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts. See section 1469e of this title. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

- Nov. 13, 1991, Pub. L. 102-154, title I, 105 Stat. 1007.
- Nov. 5, 1990, Pub. L. 101-512, title I, 104 Stat. 1932.
- Oct. 23, 1989, Pub. L. 101-121, title I, 103 Stat. 716.
- Sept. 27, 1988, Pub. L. 100-446, title I, 102 Stat. 1797.
- Dec. 22, 1987, Pub. L. 100-202, § 101(g) [title I], 101 Stat. 1329-213, 1329-231.
- Oct. 18, 1986, Pub. L. 99-500, § 101(h) [title I], 100 Stat. 1783-242, 1783-258, and Oct. 30, 1986, Pub. L. 99-591, § 101(h) [title I], 100 Stat. 3341-242, 3341-258.
- Dec. 19, 1985, Pub. L. 99-190, § 101(d) [title I], 99 Stat. 1224, 1238.
- Oct. 12, 1984, Pub. L. 98-473, title I, § 101(c) [title I], 98 Stat. 1837, 1851.
- Nov. 4, 1983, Pub. L. 98-146, title I, 97 Stat. 931.
- Dec. 30, 1982, Pub. L. 97-394, title I, 96 Stat. 1979.
- Dec. 23, 1981, Pub. L. 97-100, title I, 95 Stat. 1401.
- Dec. 12, 1980, Pub. L. 96-514, title I, 94 Stat. 2969.
- Nov. 27, 1979, Pub. L. 96-126, title I, 93 Stat. 965.
- Oct. 17, 1978, Pub. L. 95-465, title I, 92 Stat. 1289.
- July 26, 1977, Pub. L. 95-74, title I, 91 Stat. 295.

- July 31, 1976, Pub. L. 94-373, title I, 90 Stat. 1052.
- Dec. 23, 1975, Pub. L. 94-165, title I, 89 Stat. 987.
- Aug. 31, 1974, Pub. L. 93-404, title I, 88 Stat. 812.
- Oct. 4, 1973, Pub. L. 93-120, title I, 87 Stat. 433.
- Aug. 10, 1972, Pub. L. 92-369, title I, 86 Stat. 512.
- Aug. 10, 1971, Pub. L. 92-76, title I, 85 Stat. 233.
- July 31, 1970, Pub. L. 91-361, title I, 84 Stat. 673.
- Oct. 29, 1969, Pub. L. 91-98, title I, 83 Stat. 151.
- July 26, 1968, Pub. L. 90-425, title I, 82 Stat. 430.
- June 24, 1967, Pub. L. 90-28, title I, 81 Stat. 63.
- May 31, 1966, Pub. L. 89-435, title I, 80 Stat. 174.
- June 28, 1965, Pub. L. 89-52, title I, 79 Stat. 179.
- July 7, 1964, Pub. L. 88-356, title I, 78 Stat. 278.
- July 26, 1963, Pub. L. 88-79, title I, 77 Stat. 102.
- Aug. 9, 1962, Pub. L. 87-578, title I, 76 Stat. 339.
- Aug. 3, 1961, Pub. L. 87-122, title I, 75 Stat. 250.
- May 13, 1960, Pub. L. 86-455, title I, 74 Stat. 112.
- June 23, 1959, Pub. L. 86-60, title I, 73 Stat. 101.
- June 4, 1958, Pub. L. 85-439, title I, 72 Stat. 163.
- July 1, 1957, Pub. L. 85-77, title I, 71 Stat. 265.
- June 13, 1956, ch. 380, title I, 70 Stat. 265.
- June 16, 1955, ch. 147, title I, 69 Stat. 149.
- July 1, 1954, ch. 446, title I, 68 Stat. 372.
- July 31, 1953, ch. 298, title I, 67 Stat. 273.
- July 9, 1952, ch. 597, title I, 66 Stat. 457.
- Aug. 31, 1951, ch. 375, title I, 65 Stat. 263.

§ 1666. Extension of scientific, technical, and other assistance; grant-in-aid program restriction; limitations on expenditures

Upon request of the Secretary of the Interior—

(a) the head of any Federal department, agency, or corporation may, notwithstanding any other provision of law, extend to American Samoa, without reimbursement, such scientific, technical, and other assistance under any program which it administers as, in the judgment of the Secretary of the Interior, will promote the welfare of American Samoa. The provisions of the preceding sentence shall not apply to financial assistance under any grant-in-aid program. The Secretary of the Interior shall not request assistance pursuant to this subsection which will involve nonreimbursable costs as estimated for him in advance by the heads of the departments, agencies, and corporations concerned in excess of an aggregate of \$150,000 in any one fiscal year;

(b) the Secretary of Agriculture may extend to American Samoa the benefits of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as amended [42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.]; and

(c) the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare may extend to American Samoa the benefits of the Vocational Education Act of 1946, the Hospital Survey and Construction Act [42 U.S.C. 291 et seq.], and section 246 of title 42, all as amended.

(Pub. L. 87-688, § 1, Sept. 25, 1962, 76 Stat. 586; Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, § 101(e) [title VII, § 709(a)(7)], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-233, 3009-312; Pub. L. 106-78, title VII, § 752(b)(18), Oct. 22, 1999, 113 Stat. 1170.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as amended, referred to in subsec. (b), is act June 4, 1946, ch. 281, 60 Stat. 230, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 13 (§ 1751 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1751 of Title 42 and Tables.

The Vocational Education Act of 1946, referred to in subsec. (c), is act June 8, 1936, ch. 541, 49 Stat. 1488, as