

# TITLE 4—FLAG AND SEAL, SEAT OF GOVERNMENT, AND THE STATES

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## AMENDMENTS

1951—Act Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 655, § 11, 65 Stat. 713, added item for chapter 5.

### POSITIVE LAW; CITATION

This title has been made positive law by section 1 of act July 30, 1947, ch. 389, 61 Stat. 641, which provided in part that: “title 4 of the United States Code, entitled ‘Flag and seal, Seat of Government, and the States’, is codified and enacted into positive law and may be cited as ‘4 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sections or parts thereof of the Statutes at Large or the Revised Statutes covering provisions codified in this Act are repealed insofar as the provisions appeared in former Title 4, and provided that any rights or liabilities now existing under the repealed sections or parts thereof shall not be affected by the repeal.

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## CHAPTER 1—THE FLAG

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## AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-225, § 2(b), Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1498, added items 4 to 10.

### § 1. Flag; stripes and stars on

The flag of the United States shall be thirteen horizontal stripes, alternate red and white; and the union of the flag shall be forty-eight stars, white in a blue field.

(July 30, 1947, ch. 389, 61 Stat. 642.)

#### SHORT TITLE OF 2017 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 115-15, § 1, Mar. 28, 2017, 131 Stat. 79, provided that: “This Act [amending section 6 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017’.”

#### SHORT TITLE OF 2009 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 111-41, § 1, July 27, 2009, 123 Stat. 1962, provided that: “This Act [amending section 6 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Korean War Veterans Recognition Act’.”

#### SHORT TITLE OF 2007 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 110-41, § 1, June 29, 2007, 121 Stat. 233, provided that: “This Act [amending section 7 of this title and provisions set out as a note under section 7 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Army Specialist Joseph P. Micks Federal Flag Code Amendment Act of 2007’.”

#### SHORT TITLE OF 2000 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-252, § 1, July 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 626, provided that: “This Act [enacting sections 116 to 126 of this title and provisions set out as a note under section 116 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Mobile Telecommunications Sourcing Act’.”

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10798

Ex. Ord. No. 10798, Jan. 3, 1959, 24 F.R. 79, which prescribed proportions and sizes of flags until July 4, 1960, was revoked by section 33 of Ex. Ord. No. 10834, set out as a note under this section.

#### EX. ORD. NO. 10834. PROPORTIONS AND SIZES OF FLAGS AND POSITION OF STARS

Ex. Ord. No. 10834, Aug. 21, 1959, 24 F.R. 6865, provided: WHEREAS the State of Hawaii has this day been admitted into the Union; and

WHEREAS section 2 of title 4 of the United States Code provides as follows: “On the admission of a new State into the Union one star shall be added to the union of the flag; and such addition shall take effect on the fourth day of July then next succeeding such admission.”; and

WHEREAS the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (63 Stat. 377), as amended [see chap-