

(Pub. L. 102-247, title III, §302, Feb. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 38; Pub. L. 114-187, title IV, §406, June 30, 2016, 130 Stat. 592.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Similar provisions relating to the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, were classified to sections 1401f, 1423l, 1665, and 1682, respectively, of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

2016—Pub. L. 114-187 amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Governments of American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the Virgin Islands are authorized to make purchases through the General Services Administration.”

#### TERMINATION OF TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

For termination of Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, see note set out preceding section 1681 of this title.

#### § 1470. Repealed. Pub. L. 98-213, § 16(v), Dec. 8, 1983, 97 Stat. 1463

Section, R.S. §1888, prohibited any Territorial legislative assembly from exceeding amount appropriated by Congress for its annual expenses.

#### § 1470a. Omitted

#### CODIFICATION

Section, act Nov. 4, 1983, Pub. L. 98-146, title I, 97 Stat. 931, which provided that appropriations available for administration of Territories could be expended for purchase, etc., of surface vessels for official purposes and for commercial transportation expenses, was from the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1984, and was not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

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. 264.  
 June 16, 1955, ch. 147, title I, 69 Stat. 149.  
 July 1, 1954, ch. 446, title I, 68 Stat. 372.

#### §§ 1471 to 1479. Repealed. Pub. L. 98-213, § 16(w)-(ee), Dec. 8, 1983, 97 Stat. 1463

Section 1471, act July 30, 1886, ch. 818, §1, 24 Stat. 170, prohibited legislatures of Territories of the United States from passing local or special laws in certain enumerated cases.

Section 1472, acts July 30, 1886, ch. 818, §4, 24 Stat. 171; Aug. 22, 1911, ch. 43, 37 Stat. 33, related to limitations on indebtedness of political or municipal corporations and county or other subdivisions in any Territory.

Section 1473, act July 30, 1886, ch. 818, §3, 24 Stat. 171, limited authority of Territorial legislature to contract any debt by or on behalf of such Territory to certain enumerated cases.

Section 1474, act July 19, 1888, ch. 679, §2, 25 Stat. 336, related to creation by Territorial legislatures of new counties and location of county seats.

Section 1475, act July 30, 1886, ch. 818, §2, 24 Stat. 171, prohibited Territorial legislature or political subdivision thereof from subscribing to capital stock of, or loaning its credit to, any incorporated company or association.

Section 1476, act Mar. 4, 1898, ch. 35, 30 Stat. 252, authorized issuance of bonds by chartered municipal corporations for sanitary and health purposes, free of certain debt limitations.

Section 1477, act June 6, 1900, ch. 820, 31 Stat. 683, authorized issuance of bonds by chartered municipal corporations for erection of city buildings, free of certain debt limitations.

Section 1478, act July 30, 1886, ch. 818, §6, 24 Stat. 171, prohibited construction of any provision to abridge power of Congress from annulling any law of a Territorial legislature, or modifying any existing law of Congress requiring that laws of any Territory be submitted to Congress.

Section 1479, act July 30, 1886, ch. 818, §7, 24 Stat. 171, declared null and void any acts passed by any Territorial legislature after July 30, 1886, in conflict with specific sections of this title.

#### §§ 1480 to 1480b. Repealed. Pub. L. 95-584, § 1, Nov. 2, 1978, 92 Stat. 2483

Section 1480, R.S. §1890, related to right of religious corporations to hold real estate.

Section 1480a, act Mar. 3, 1887, ch. 397, §26, 24 Stat. 641, related to real estate necessary for use of congregations.

Section 1480b, act Sept. 22, 1950, ch. 986, 64 Stat. 905, related to inapplicability of sections 1480 and 1480a to Alaska.

#### EFFECT OF REPEAL

Pub. L. 95-584, §2, Nov. 2, 1978, 92 Stat. 2483, provided that: “This repeal [repealing sections 1480 to 1480b of this title] may not be considered or construed as endorsement, support, or permission for any development on or other use of any land in any territory or possession of the United States; nor shall it be evidence of congressional or other intent to confirm title to any lands in said territories or possessions claimed by any association, corporation, or other entity for religious or charitable purposes.”

#### §§ 1481 to 1485. Repealed. Pub. L. 98-213, § 16(ff)-(jj), Dec. 8, 1983, 97 Stat. 1463

Section 1481, act June 16, 1880, ch. 235, 21 Stat. 277, related to care and custody of convicts.

Section 1482, R.S. §1892, placed any penitentiary erected or to be erected under care and control of marshal of the United States for Territory or District in which situated.

Section 1483, R.S. §1893, related to promulgation of rules and regulations by Attorney General of the United States for government of such penitentiaries, and compensation of marshals and their deputies.

Section 1484, R.S. §1894, related to charging compensation and subsistence and employment expenses of offenders sentenced to imprisonment in such penitentiaries.

Section 1485, R.S. §1895, related to imprisonment at cost of Territory in such penitentiaries of persons convicted for violation of laws of Territory.

**§ 1486. Repealed. Pub. L. 87-826, § 3, Oct. 15, 1962, 76 Stat. 953**

Section, acts Apr. 29, 1902, ch. 637, 32 Stat. 172; Feb. 14, 1903, ch. 552, §10, 32 Stat. 829; Mar. 4, 1913, ch. 141, §1, 37 Stat. 736; May 17, 1932, ch. 190, 47 Stat. 158; Proc. No. 2695 eff. July 4, 1946, 11 F.R. 7517, 60 Stat. 1352; 1946 Reorg. Plan No. 3, §§101-104, eff. July 16, 1946, 11 F.R. 7877, 60 Stat. 1097; Apr. 7, 1948, ch. 177, 62 Stat. 161, provided that law as to clearance and entry of vessels was applicable to trade between the United States and non-contiguous Territories, etc.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal of section effective 180 days after Oct. 15, 1962, see section 4 of Pub. L. 87-826.

**§§ 1487, 1488. Repealed. Pub. L. 98-213, § 16(b), (kk), Dec. 8, 1983, 97 Stat. 1462, 1463**

Section 1487, act June 22, 1874, ch. 388, 18 Stat. 135, related to calling of an extraordinary session of Territorial legislature with approval of President of the United States.

Section 1488, act Apr. 16, 1880, ch. 56, 21 Stat. 74, related to filling of vacancies in office of justice of the peace by appointment or election, until a successor was regularly elected and qualified as provided by law.

**§ 1489. Loss of title of United States to lands in territories through adverse possession or prescription forbidden**

On and after March 27, 1934, no prescription or statute of limitations shall run, or continue to run, against the title of the United States to lands in any territory or possession or place or territory under the jurisdiction or control of the United States; and no title to any such lands of the United States or any right therein shall be acquired by adverse possession or prescription, or otherwise than by conveyance from the United States.

(Mar. 27, 1934, ch. 99, 48 Stat. 507; Proc. No. 2695, eff. July 4, 1946, 11 F.R. 7517, 60 Stat. 1352.)

CODIFICATION

Reference to Philippine Islands omitted in view of independence of Philippines proclaimed by President of United States in Proc. No. 2695, set out under section 1394 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse, and issued pursuant to section 1394 of Title 22.

**§ 1490. Repealed. Mar. 3, 1933, ch. 202, § 1, 47 Stat. 1428**

Section, R.S. §1891, related to application of United States Constitution and laws to all organized Territories and in every Territory subsequently organized. Insofar as Territories of Alaska and Hawaii are concerned, it is covered by sections 23 and 495 of this title.

Act July 1, 1902, ch. 1369, §1, 32 Stat. 691, which was also cited as a credit to this section, and which was not repealed by the act of Mar. 3, 1933, provided that this section should not apply to the Philippine Islands.

**§ 1491. License, permit, etc., for transportation for storage or storage of spent nuclear fuel or high-level radioactive waste; prerequisites; applicability; "territory or possession" defined**

(a) Prior to the granting of any license, permit, or other authorization or permission by any agency or instrumentality of the United States to any person for the transportation of spent nuclear fuel or high-level radioactive waste for in-

terim, long-term, or permanent storage to or for the storage of such fuel or waste on any territory or possession of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior is directed to transmit to the Congress a detailed report on the proposed transportation or storage plan, and no such license, permit, or other authorization or permission may be granted nor may any such transportation or storage occur unless the proposed transportation or storage plan has been specifically authorized by Act of Congress: *Provided*, That the provisions of this section shall not apply to the cleanup and rehabilitation of Bikini and Enewetak Atolls.

(b) For the purpose of this section the words "territory or possession" include the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and any area not within the boundaries of the several States over which the United States claims or exercises sovereignty.

(Pub. L. 96-205, title VI, §605, Mar. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 90.)

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**§ 1492. Energy resources of Caribbean and Pacific insular areas**

**(a) Congressional findings**

The Congress finds that—

(1) the Caribbean and Pacific insular areas of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau are virtually completely dependent on imported sources of energy;

(2) the dependence of such areas on imported sources of energy coupled with the increasing cost and the uncertain availability and supply of such sources of energy will continue to frustrate the political, social, and economic development of such areas by placing increasingly severe fiscal burdens on the local governments of these areas;

(3) these insular areas are endowed with a variety of renewable sources of energy which, if developed, would alleviate their dependence on imported sources of energy, relieve the fiscal burden on local governments imposed by the costs of imported fuel, and strengthen the base for political, social, and economic development;

(4) appropriate technologies are presently available to develop the renewable energy resources of these insular areas but that comprehensive energy plans have not been adequately developed to meet the energy demands of these areas from renewable energy resources;

(5) electric power transmission and distribution lines in insular areas are inadequate to withstand damage caused by the hurricanes and typhoons which frequently occur in insular areas and such damage often costs millions of dollars to repair; and

(6) the refinement of renewable energy technologies since the publication of the 1982 Ter-