

## Public Law 90-341

June 15, 1968  
[S. 3017]

## AN ACT

To change the provision with respect to the maximum rate of interest permitted on loans and mortgages insured under title XI of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936.

Ship loans and mortgages.  
Maximum rate of interest, change.  
68 Stat. 1270.  
46 USC 1274.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1104 (a) (5) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

“(5) shall secure bonds, notes, or other obligations bearing interest (exclusive of premium charges for insurance, and service charges, if any) at rates not to exceed such per centum per annum on the principal obligation outstanding as the Secretary of Commerce determines to be reasonable, taking into account the range of interest rates prevailing in the private market for similar loans and the risks assumed by the Department of Commerce;”.

Approved June 15, 1968.

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June 15, 1968  
[H. J. Res. 1224]

## JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize the President to reappoint as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for an additional term of one year, the officer serving in that position on April 1, 1968.

Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff.  
Reappointment.  
70A Stat. 7.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, notwithstanding section 142(a) of title 10, United States Code, the President may, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, reappoint as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for an additional term of one year, the officer serving in that position on April 1, 1968.

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## Public Law 90-343

June 18, 1968  
[S. 2884]

## AN ACT

To amend the Federal Voting Assistance Act of 1955 so as to recommend to the several States that its absentee registration and voting procedures be extended to all citizens temporarily residing abroad.

Absentee voting.  
69 Stat. 584.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 101 of the Federal Voting Assistance Act of 1955 (50 U.S.C. 1451) is hereby amended by striking out paragraphs (3) and (4) and inserting in lieu thereof a new paragraph (3) as follows:

"(3) Citizens of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia and their spouses and dependents when residing with or accompanying them."

SEC. 2. Section 204(b) of the Federal Voting Assistance Act of 1955 (50 U.S.C. 1464) is hereby amended by striking out subparagraphs (3) c., d., e., and f. and inserting in lieu thereof new subparagraphs (3) c., d., and e. as follows:

Post card application.  
69 Stat. 586.

"c. A citizen of the United States temporarily residing outside of the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia

"d. A spouse or dependent of a person listed in (a) or (b) above

"e. A spouse or dependent residing with or accompanying a person described in (c) above"

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## Public Law 90-344

### AN ACT

To amend the Federal Voting Assistance Act of 1955 (69 Stat. 584).

June 18, 1968  
[S. 1581]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Federal Voting Assistance Act of 1955 (69 Stat. 584) is amended as follows:

Federal Voting Assistance Act of 1955, amendment.

(1) Clause (10) of section 102 is amended to read as follows:

Oaths.  
50 USC 1452.

"(10) for the purposes of this Act, authorize oaths required by State law to be administered and attested by any commissioned officer in the active service of the Armed Forces, any member of the merchant marine of the United States designated for this purpose by the Secretary of Commerce, the head of any department or agency of the United States, any civilian official empowered by State or Federal law to administer oaths, or any civilian employee designated by the head of any department or agency of the United States."

(2) The following new section is inserted after section 103:

50 USC 1453.

"SEC. 104. It is recommended that each of the several States permit any person covered by section 101(1) of this Act who is otherwise fully qualified to register and vote in the State to acquire legal residence in that State, notwithstanding his residence on a military installation, and to register and vote in local, State, and national elections."

Personnel residing on military installations.  
50 USC 1451.

(3) Clause (2) of section 203 is amended to read as follows:

Administrative responsibility.  
50 USC 1463.

"(2) the Administrator of General Services to cause to be printed and distributed post cards for use in accordance with the provisions of this Act. Such post cards shall be delivered by the department or agency concerned to persons to whom this Act is applicable for use at any general election at which electors for President and Vice President or Senators and Representatives are to be voted for. For use in such elections, post cards shall be in the hands of the persons concerned not later than August 15 before the election if they are outside the territorial limits of the United States and not later than September 15 before the election if they are inside the territorial limits of the United States. To the extent practicable and compatible with other operations, post cards shall also be made available at appropriate times to such persons for use in other general, primary, and special elections; and"