WHEREAS the Congress of the United States by a series of enactments has progressively recognized the right of self-government of the people of Puerto Rico; and
WHEREAS under the terms of these congressional enactments an increasingly large measure of self-government has been achieved: Therefore
BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, THAT, FULLY RECOGNIZING THE PRINCIPLE OF GOVERNMENT BY CONSENT, THIS ACT IS NOW ADOPTED IN THE NATURE OF A COMPACT SO THAT THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO MAY ORGANIZE A GOVERNMENT PURSUANT TO A CONSTITUTION OF THEIR OWN ADOPTION.

SEC. 2. THIS ACT SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF PUERTO RICO FOR ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION THROUGH AN ISLAND-WIDE REFERENDUM TO BE HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF PUERTO RICO. UPON THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT, BY A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS PARTICIPATING IN SUCH REFERENDUM, THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO IS AUTHORIZED TO CALL A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO DRAFT A CONSTITUTION FOR THE SAID ISLAND OF PUERTO RICO. THE SAID CONSTITUTION SHALL PROVIDE A REPUBLICAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND SHALL INCLUDE A BILL OF RIGHTS.


UPON APPROVAL BY THE CONGRESS THE CONSTITUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS TERMS.

SEC. 4. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 5 OF THIS ACT, THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PROVIDE A CIVIL GOVERNMENT FOR PORTO RICO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", APPROVED MARCH 2, 1917, AS AMENDED, IS HEREBY CONTINUED IN FORCE AND EFFECT AND MAY HEREFORTH BE CALLED THE "PUERTO RICAN FEDERAL RELATIONS ACT".
Repeals.


SEC. 5. At such time as the constitution of Puerto Rico becomes effective, the following provisions of such Act of March 2, 1917, as amended, shall be deemed repealed:

(1) Section 2, except the paragraph added thereto by Public Law 362, Eightieth Congress, first session, approved August 5, 1947.
(2) Sections 4, 13, 12a, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 18a, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 40, 49, 49b, 50, 51, 52, 53, 56, and 57.
(3) The last paragraph in section 37.
(4) Section 38, except the second paragraph thereof which begins with the words “The Interstate Commerce Act” and ends with the words “shall not apply in Puerto Rico”.

SEC. 6. All laws or parts of laws inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved July 3, 1950.

[CHAPTER 449]

AN ACT

To provide certain benefits for annuitants who retired under the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, prior to April 1, 1948.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 8 of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, is amended by inserting “(a)” after the section number, by striking out the word “paragraph” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “section”, and by adding at the end thereof a new subsection as follows:

“(b) (1) In the case of any retired officer or employee mentioned in the first paragraph of subsection (a) who did not elect a survivor’s annuity in accordance with the proviso in such subsection, there shall be payable upon his or her death, to his or her wife or husband to whom the annuitant was married before April 1, 1948, an annuity equal to one-half of his or her present annuity (excluding the increase therein under subsection (a)), but not to exceed $600 per annum, during the remainder of the life of such survivor. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply in the case of any such annuitant who died subsequent to April 30, 1948.

“(2) Any such retired officer or employee who elected a survivor’s annuity in accordance with the proviso in subsection (a) shall be paid an increase in his annuity of 25 per centum or $300 whichever is the lesser.”

SEC. 2. Subsection (b) of section 8 of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as added by this Act, shall become effective on the first day of the second month following the date of enactment of this Act, and no survivor’s annuity or increase in annuity under such subsection shall accrue for any period prior to the effective date of such subsection.

Approved July 6, 1950.

[CHAPTER 452]

AN ACT

To increase the annual authorization for the appropriation of funds for collecting, editing, and publishing of official papers relating to the Territories of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of July 31, 1945 (59 Stat. 510; 5 U. S. C. 168d), is hereby amended by