

## Public Law 86-507

## AN ACT

June 11, 1960  
[H. R. 10996]

To authorize the use of certified mail for the transmission or service of matter required by certain Federal laws to be transmitted or served by registered mail, and for other purposes.

Postal service.  
Certified mail by  
Government agencies.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (1) section 12(b) of the Act of August 2, 1939, as added by section 4 of the Act of July 19, 1940 (54 Stat. 767; 5 U.S.C. 118k), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail" wherever such words appear therein.

(2) Section 6(b) of the Commodity Exchange Act (42 Stat. 1001, 1002; 7 U.S.C. 9) is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(3) Section 3 of the Act of March 3, 1927 (44 Stat. 1373; 7 U.S.C. 473), is amended (A) by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail" and (B) by inserting "or receipt for certified mail" immediately following the words "registry receipt".

(4) Section 6(c) of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930 (46 Stat. 534; 7 U.S.C. 499f), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(5) Section 365 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (52 Stat. 63; 7 U.S.C. 1365) is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(6) The proviso in the last sentence of section 373(a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as added by section 6 of the Act of June 13, 1940 (54 Stat. 394; 7 U.S.C. 1373), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(7) Section 409(d) of the Federal Seed Act (53 Stat. 1287; 7 U.S.C. 1599) is amended (A) by striking out the words "registering and mailing a copy thereof" in clause (3) of the first sentence and inserting in lieu thereof "mailing a copy thereof by registered mail or by certified mail" and (B) by striking out the words "registered and mailed" in the last sentence and inserting in lieu thereof "mailed by registered mail or by certified mail".

(8) Section 107(d) of the Soil Bank Act (70 Stat. 193; 7 U.S.C. 1831) is amended by inserting "or certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail" wherever such words appear therein.

(9) Section 301 of the Act of March 9, 1933 (48 Stat. 5), as amended (12 U.S.C. 51a), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail" in the first sentence thereof.

(10) The last sentence of section 2(a) of the Act of August 17, 1950 (64 Stat. 456; 12 U.S.C. 214a), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(11) The last sentence in section 5(d)(1) of the Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, as added by section 503 of the Housing Act of 1954 (68 Stat. 635; 12 U.S.C. 1464), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail," immediately following "registered mail,".

(12) Section 402(c)(4) of the National Housing Act, as amended by section 501 of the Housing Act of 1954 (68 Stat. 633; 12 U.S.C. 1725), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following "registered mail".

(13) Section 5(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, as amended (52 Stat. 113; 15 U.S.C. 45), is amended (A) by striking out the words "registering and mailing a copy thereof" in clause (c) of the

first sentence and inserting in lieu thereof "mailing a copy thereof by registered mail or by certified mail" and (B) by striking out the words "registered and mailed" in the last sentence and inserting in lieu thereof "mailed by registered mail or by certified mail".

(14) The first sentence of section 8(e) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 805; 15 U.S.C. 80a-8) is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(15) The second sentence of section 40(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 842; 15 U.S.C. 80a-39) is amended by inserting "or certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(16) The second sentence of section 211(c) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 855; 15 U.S.C. 80b-11) is amended by inserting "or certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(17) The first sentence of section 5 of the Act of March 29, 1944 (58 Stat. 133; 16 U.S.C. 583d), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(18) Clause (2) of section 505(g) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (52 Stat. 1053; 21 U.S.C. 355) is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(19) Section 2284 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking out "Such notice shall be given by registered mail by the clerk, and shall be complete on the mailing thereof." and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

62 Stat. 958.

"Such notice shall be given by registered mail or by certified mail by the clerk and shall be complete on the mailing thereof."

(20) The second sentence of section 2410(b) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by inserting "or by certified mail," immediately following "registered mail,".

62 Stat. 972.

(21) The third sentence in the third paragraph of section 17 of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended by the Act of July 29, 1954 (68 Stat. 584; 30 U.S.C. 226), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail," immediately following "registered mail,".

(22) The last sentence of section 207(b) of the Federal Coal Mine Safety Act, as added by the first section of the Act of July 16, 1952 (66 Stat. 700; 30 U.S.C. 477), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(23) The third sentence of section 207(i) of the Federal Coal Mine Safety Act, as added by the first section of the Act of July 16, 1952 (66 Stat. 702; 30 U.S.C. 477), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(24) The first sentence of section 208(b) of the Federal Coal Mine Safety Act, as added by the first section of the Act of July 16, 1952 (66 Stat. 702; 30 U.S.C. 478), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(25) Clause (1) of the last paragraph of section 7(a) of the Act of August 13, 1954 (68 Stat. 713; 30 U.S.C. 527), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail" wherever such words appear in such clause.

(26) Clause (1) of the last paragraph of section 5(a) of the Act of July 23, 1955 (69 Stat. 370; 30 U.S.C. 613), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail" wherever such words appear in such clause.

(27) Section 2(b) of the Mining Claims Rights Restoration Act of 1955 (69 Stat. 682; 30 U.S.C. 621), is amended by inserting "or certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(28) The first sentence of section 3491(C) of the Revised Statutes, as added by the Act of December 23, 1943 (57 Stat. 608; 31 U.S.C. 232), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail," immediately following "registered mail,".

(29) Section 3491(D) of the Revised Statutes, as added by the Act of December 23, 1943 (57 Stat. 609; 31 U.S.C. 232), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail," immediately following "registered mail,".

(30) The second sentence of section 19(c) of the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (44 Stat. 1435; 33 U.S.C. 919) is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(31) Section 19(e) of the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (44 Stat. 1435; 33 U.S.C. 919) is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

72 Stat. 1165.

(32) Section 784(b) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

72 Stat. 1261.

(33) Section 5226 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(34) The second paragraph of section 2 of the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended (47 Stat. 1486; 39 U.S.C. 233), is amended by striking out "by registered letter" and inserting in lieu thereof "by registered mail or by certified mail".

53 Stat. 1370.

(35) Section 205(d) of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 405), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail" wherever such words appear therein.

(36) The last sentence of section 4(d) of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended (73 Stat. 467; 42 U.S.C. 1863(d)), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(37) Section 12(a) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (52 Stat. 1107; 45 U.S.C. 362) is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(38) The first sentence of section 19a(h) of the Act of February 4, 1887, as added by the Act of March 1, 1913 (37 Stat. 702), and thereafter amended (49 U.S.C. 19a(h)), is amended by striking out the words "registered letter" and inserting in lieu thereof "registered mail or by certified mail".

(39) Section 105(a) of the Renegotiation Act of 1951 (65 Stat. 12; 50 U.S.C. App. 1215) is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail" wherever such words appear therein.

(40) Section 107(e) of the Renegotiation Act of 1951 (65 Stat. 20; 50 U.S.C. App. 1217) is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail" wherever such words appear therein.

(41) The second sentence of section 9(b) of the Professional Engineers' Registration Act (64 Stat. 862; D.C. Code, sec. 2-1809(b)) is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(42) The first sentence of section 10 of the Act of March 19, 1906 (34 Stat. 71), as amended (48 Stat. 845; D.C. Code, sec. 5-310), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(43) Clause (c) of the first sentence of section 3 of the Act of April 14, 1906 (34 Stat. 115; D.C. Code, sec. 5-315), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(44) The first sentence of section 5 of the Act of December 24, 1942 (56 Stat. 1084; D.C. Code, sec. 5-321), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(45) The Act of May 29, 1928 (45 Stat. 953; D.C. Code, sec. 7-221), is amended by striking out "registered letter" wherever such words appear and inserting in lieu thereof "registered mail or by certified mail".

(46) Section 5 of the Act of March 5, 1938 (52 Stat. 103; D.C. Code, sec. 11-805), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail" wherever such words appear.

(47) The first proviso in section 2 of the Act of April 11, 1935 (49 Stat. 152; D.C. Code, sec. 16-613), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(48) The fourth sentence in the first paragraph of section 24 of the Life Insurance Act (48 Stat. 1137; D.C. Code, sec. 35-423) is amended (A) by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail"; and (B) by striking out the words "registered receipt" and inserting in lieu thereof "the return receipt for such registered or certified mail".

(49) The third sentence of section 23(b) of the Fire and Casualty Act (54 Stat. 1075; D.C. Code, sec. 35-1327(b)) is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(50) The first paragraph of section 9 of the Act of August 25, 1937 (50 Stat. 794; D.C. Code, sec. 45-1409), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail" wherever such words appear therein.

(51) The last sentence of section 10(2) of the Act of August 25, 1937 (50 Stat. 795; D.C. Code, sec. 45-1410), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(52) The first proviso in section 3 of the Act of February 28, 1898, as added by the Act of February 22, 1944 (58 Stat. 20; D.C. Code, sec. 47-1003), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(53) The first sentence of section 2 of the Act of March 2, 1936 (49 Stat. 1154; D.C. Code, sec. 47-1012), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(54) The first sentence of section 5 of title XII of the District of Columbia Income and Franchise Tax Act of 1947 (61 Stat. 352; D.C. Code, sec. 47-1586d) is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(55) The first sentence of section 3(c) of the Act of April 23, 1924, as added by section 3 of the Act of August 17, 1937 (50 Stat. 678; D.C. Code, sec. 47-1903), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

(56) The fifth sentence of section 14(a) of title IX of the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937, as added by section 4 of the Act of July 10, 1952 (66 Stat. 546; D.C. Code, sec. 47-2413(a)), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".

Receipts as prima facie evidence.

SEC. 2. Return receipts for the delivery of certified mail which is utilized under any provision of law shall be received in the courts as prima facie evidence of delivery to the same extent as return receipts for registered mail.

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JOINT RESOLUTION

June 11, 1960  
[H. J. Res. 208]

Providing for participation by the United States in the West Virginia Centennial Celebration to be held in 1963 at various locations in the State of West Virginia, and for other purposes.

Whereas the State of West Virginia will celebrate the one-hundredth anniversary of its statehood during 1963; and

Whereas the national commemoration of the Civil War will be concurrently celebrated, and marked for public attention by the Civil War Centennial Commission during the years 1961 through 1965; and

Whereas the State of West Virginia was created by Executive order of the President as a part of the Federal policy during that war and the origins of the State of West Virginia were heavily influenced by the activities of the United States Government: Therefore be it

West Virginia Centennial Celebration, 1963.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Congress hereby recognizes the West Virginia Centennial Celebration (hereinafter referred to as the "celebration"), to be held at various locations in the State of West Virginia during 1963, as an event designed to reinforce the national unity of purpose of the United States and the determination of the people of the United States to continue this Nation as a bulwark of individual freedom.

Study.

SEC. 2. (a) To implement the recognition declared in the first section of this Act, the President, through the Secretary of Commerce, shall cooperate with the West Virginia Centennial Commission in the planning of the celebration and shall conduct a study of the celebration to determine the manner in which and the extent to which the United States shall be a participant in and exhibitor at the celebration.

Report to Congress.

(b) Such study shall be made, in the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce, by personnel of the Department of Commerce or under contract by one or more recognized professional experts in the field of industrial showmanship; and the findings derived from such study, together with such recommendations as the Secretary may deem appropriate (including detailed recommendations with respect to the manner and extent of United States participation in the celebration and the estimated itemized cost of such participation) shall be submitted to the Congress at the first session of the Eighty-seventh Congress.

Appropriation.

SEC. 3. There is authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$15,000 to enable the Secretary of Commerce to carry out his duties under section 2.

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