

## Public Law 248

## CHAPTER 655

## AN ACT

October 31, 1951  
[H. R. 3899]

To amend certain titles of the United States Code, and for other purposes.

61 Stat. 633.  
Title 1, U. S. Code:  
General Provisions.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the fourth clause after the opening clause of section 1 of Title 1, United States Code, entitled "General Provisions", is amended by striking out the word "use" appearing in such clause, and in lieu thereof inserting "used", so that such clause will read as follows: "words used in the present tense include the future as well as the present;"

SEC. 2. (a) The analysis of Chapter 2 of Title 1, United States Code, immediately preceding section 101 of such title, is amended by inserting, immediately underneath item 106 in such analysis, the following two items:

"106a. Promulgation of laws.

"106b. Amendments to Constitution."

(b) Title 1, United States Code, is further amended by inserting, immediately following section 106 of such title, the following two sections:

**"§ 106a. Promulgation of laws**

"Whenever a bill, order, resolution, or vote of the Senate and House of Representatives, having been approved by the President, or not having been returned by him with his objections, becomes a law or takes effect, it shall forthwith be received by the Administrator of General Services from the President; and whenever a bill, order, resolution, or vote is returned by the President with his objections, and, on being reconsidered, is agreed to be passed, and is approved by two-thirds of both Houses of Congress, and thereby becomes a law or takes effect, it shall be received by the Administrator of General Services from the President of the Senate, or Speaker of the House of Representatives in whichever House it shall last have been so approved, and he shall carefully preserve the originals.

**"§ 106b. Amendments to Constitution**

"Whenever official notice is received at the General Services Administration that any amendment proposed to the Constitution of the United States has been adopted, according to the provisions of the Constitution, the Administrator of General Services shall forthwith cause the amendment to be published, with his certificate, specifying the States by which the same may have been adopted, and that the same has become valid, to all intents and purposes, as a part of the Constitution of the United States."

SEC. 3. Section 112 of Title 1, United States Code, is amended by striking out, in the first sentence of the text of such section, the reference "205 of the Revised Statutes", and in lieu thereof inserting "106b of this title", so that such section 112 will read as follows:

**"§ 112. Statutes at large; contents; admissibility in evidence**

"The Administrator of General Services shall cause to be compiled, edited, indexed, and published, the United States Statutes at Large, which shall contain all the laws and concurrent resolutions enacted during each regular session of Congress; all proclamations by the President in the numbered series issued since the date of the adjournment of the regular session of Congress next preceding; and also any amendments to the Constitution of the United States proposed or ratified pursuant to article V thereof since that date, together with the certificate of the Administrator of General Services issued in compliance with the provision contained in section 106b of this title. In