

752), known as the "Civil Service Act," in connection with the employment of personnel in civil defense organizations established pursuant to the provisions of the act of March 19, 1951 (P. L. 28), known as the "State Council of Civil Defense Act of 1951."

Act effective immediately.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 28th day of April, A. D. 1961.

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No. 61

AN ACT

Amending the act of July 24, 1941 (P. L. 490), entitled "An act relating to acknowledgments of written instruments, and to make uniform the law with relation thereto," deleting reference to the Philippine Islands from the specification of domestic jurisdictions in which acknowledgments of written instruments may be made before certain officers, and providing for the manner and form in which and the officers before whom such acknowledgments may be made by persons serving in or with the armed forces of the United States or their dependents.

Uniform Acknowledgment Act.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 3, act of July 24, 1941, P. L. 490, amended.

Section 1. Section 3, act of July 24, 1941 (P. L. 490), known as the "Uniform Acknowledgment Act," is amended to read:

Section 3. Acknowledgment within the United States.—The acknowledgment of any instrument may be made without the State, but within the United States, or a territory or insular possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, [or the Philippine Islands,] and within the jurisdiction of the officer before—

- (1) A clerk or deputy clerk of any federal court;
- (2) A clerk, prothonotary or deputy prothonotary or deputy clerk of any court of record of any state or other jurisdiction;
- (3) A notary public;
- (4) A recorder of deeds.

Act of July 24, 1941, P. L. 490, amended by adding a new section 10.1.

Section 2. The act is amended by adding, after section 10, a new section to read:

*Section 10.1. Acknowledgment by Persons Serving in or with the Armed Forces of the United States or their Dependents within or without the United States.—In addition to the acknowledgment of instruments in the manner and form and as otherwise now or hereafter authorized by the laws of this State or by this act, per-*

sons serving in or with the armed forces of the United States or their dependents, wherever located, may acknowledge the same before any commissioned officer in active service of the armed forces of the United States with the rank of Second Lieutenant or higher in the Army, Air Force, or Marine Corps, or Ensign or higher in the Navy or Coast Guard. The instrument shall not be rendered invalid by the failure to state therein the place of execution or acknowledgment. No authentication of the officer's certificate of acknowledgment shall be required but the officer taking the acknowledgment shall endorse thereon or attach thereto a certificate substantially in the following form:

"On this the ..... day of ..... 19...., before me ....., the undersigned officer, personally appeared ..... (Serial No.) ..... (if any) known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be (serving in or with the armed forces of the United States) (a dependent of ..... (Serial No.) ..... (if any)

a person serving in or with the armed forces of the United States) and to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that...he...executed the same for the purposes therein contained. And the undersigned does further certify that he is at the date of this certificate a commissioned officer of the rank stated below and is in the active service of the armed forces of the United States.

.....  
*Signature of the Officer*

.....  
*Rank and Serial No. of Officer and Command to which attached."*

Section 3. Nothing herein provided shall be deemed to amend or repeal the act of April 3, 1947 (P. L. 57), entitled "An act to validate certain acknowledgments made by any person while on active duty with the armed forces of the United States, and to regulate the effect thereof."

Construction.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately. No acknowledgments heretofore taken shall be affected by anything contained herein.

Effective date with condition.

APPROVED—The 28th day of April, A. D. 1961.

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