

SEC. 3. In any repayment contract which provides for payment of construction charges by single annual installments, the Secretary may by agreement with the contracting organization amend such contract to provide for the payment of such annual installments in two parts on such dates in the calendar year as may best enable the contracting organization to meet its payments.

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AN ACT

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To authorize the employment without compensation from the Government of readers for blind Government employees, and for other purposes.

Blind Govern-
ment employees.
Readers.

63 Stat. 954.
5 USC 1071 note.

Conflict of in-
terest.
62 Stat. 793.
Definitions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the head of each department is authorized, in his discretion, to employ, without regard to the civil service laws and the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, a reading assistant or assistants for any blind employee of such department, to serve without compensation from such department.

(b) Each such reading assistant may be paid and receive compensation for his services as reading assistant by and from such blind employee or any nonprofit organization, without regard to section 1914 of title 18, United States Code.

(c) For the purposes of this Act, the term—

(1) “department” means—

(A) each executive department of the Federal Government;

(B) each agency or independent establishment in the executive branch of such Government;

(C) each corporation wholly owned or controlled by such Government;

(D) the General Accounting Office;

(E) the Library of Congress; and

(F) the municipal government of the District of Columbia;

(2) “head of each department”, with respect to the municipal government of the District of Columbia, means the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia;

(3) “blind employee” means an employee of a department who establishes, to the satisfaction of the appropriate authority of the department concerned and in accordance with regulations of the head of such department, that he has an impairment of sight, either permanent or temporary, which is so severe or disabling that the employment of a reading assistant or assistants for such employee is necessary or desirable to enable such employee properly to perform his work; and

(4) “nonprofit organization” means an organization determined by the Secretary of the Treasury to be an organization described in section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 which is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such Code.

(d) This Act shall not be held or considered to prevent or limit in any way the assignment to a blind employee by a department of clerical or secretarial assistance, at the expense of such department and in accordance with laws and regulations currently applicable at the time, if such assistance normally is provided, or authorized to be provided, in such manner in accordance with currently applicable laws and regulations.

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