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Forty-Fourth Congress, Session II
Chapter 82 — 19 Stat. 268
March 2, 1877

AN ACT *to provide for the preparation and publication of a new edition of the Revised Statutes 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 President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, one person, learned in the law, as a commissioner, for the purpose of preparing and publishing a new edition of the first volume of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

SEC. 2. That in performing this duty, said commissioner shall be required to incorporate into the text of the Revised Statutes as published in the year anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-five, under the act of June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, all the amendments which have been made in the revision so published since the first day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and all that shall be made up to the close of the present session of Congress, with marginal references to such amendatory acts, and to all the decisions of the several courts of the United States, (as far as the same may have been published,) which may have been made subsequent to those already cited in the margin of the present revision, and may include also citations to such judicial decisions of the various State courts as he may deem important; and he shall also make marginal references to the various statutes passed by Congress since the first day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, not expressly therein declared to be amendments to the Revised Statutes, but which, in the opinion of said commissioner, may in any manner affect or modify any of the provisions of the said Revised Statutes, or any of the amendments thereto,

indicating in such marginal notes by a difference in type the references to statutes of this kind. and he shall revise the indexes and incorporate therein references to the additions herein required.

SEC. 3. That there shall also be included in said edition the Articles of Confederation, the Declaration of our National Independence, the Ordinance of seventeen hundred and eighty seven for the government of the Northwestern Territory, the Constitution of the United States, with foot notes referring to decisions of the federal courts thereon, the "Act to provide for the revision and consolidation of the statute laws of the United States," approved June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and the "Act providing for publication of the Revised Statutes and the laws of the United States," approved June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, as well as the present act.

SEC. 4. That said new edition shall be completed in manuscript by said commissioner by the first day of January anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and by him presented to the Secretary of State for his examination and approval, who is hereby required to examine and compare the same as amended, with all the amendatory acts, and, within two months after having been submitted to him, and when the same shall be completed, the said Secretary shall duly certify the same under the seal of the Secretary of State, and when printed and promulgated as herein provided the printed volume shall be legal and conclusive evidence of the laws and treaties therein contained, in all the courts of the United States, and of the several States and Territories, and said Secretary shall cause fifteen thousand copies of the same to be printed and bound at the Government Printing Office, under the supervision of said commissioner, at the expense of the United States, and without unnecessary delay.

SEC. 5. That said commissioner shall receive, as full compensation for all services above required to be performed by him, the sum of five thousand dollars.

APPROVED, March 2, 1877.