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OF A GENERAL AND PERMANENT CHARACTER IN FORCE DECEMBER SEVENTH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE, CONSOLIDATED, CODIFIED, SET FORTH, AND PUBLISHED IN NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIX, IN THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC, AT ITS FIRST SESSION, BY THE

SIXTY-NINTH CONGRESS

AN ACT

To consolidate, codify, and set forth the general and permanent laws of the United States in force December seventh, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the fifty titles hereinafter set forth are intended to embrace the laws of the United States, general and permanent in their nature, in force on the 7th day of December, 1925, compiled into a single volume under the authority of Congress, and designated "The Code of the Laws of the United States of America."

SEC. 2. In all courts, tribunals, and public offices of the United States, at home or abroad, of the District of Columbia, and of each State, Territory, or insular possession of the United States—

(a) The matter set forth in the Code, evidenced as hereinafter in this section provided, shall establish prima facie the laws of the United States, general and permanent in their nature, in force on the 7th day of December, 1925; but nothing in this Act shall be construed as repealing or amending any such law, or as enacting as new law any matter contained in the Code. In case of any inconsistency arising through omission or otherwise between the provisions of any section of this Code and the corresponding portion of legislation heretofore enacted effect shall be given for all purposes whatsoever to such enactments.

(b) Copies of this Act printed at the Government Printing Office and bearing its imprint shall be conclusive evidence of the original of the Code in the custody of the Secretary of State.

(c) The Code may be cited as "U. S. C."

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Section 1. Words importing singular number, masculine gender, etc.; extended application.—In determining the meaning of any Act or resolution of Congress, words importing the singular number may extend and be applied to several persons or things; words importing the plural number may include the singular; words importing the masculine gender may be applied to females; the words "insane person" and "lunatic" shall include every idiot, non compos, lunatic, and insane person; the word "person" may extend and be applied to partnerships and corporations, and the reference to any officer shall include any person authorized by law to perform the duties of such office, unless the context shows that such words were intended to be used in a more limited sense; and a requirement of an "oath" shall be deemed complied with by making affirmation in judicial form. (R. S. § 1.)

2. "County" as including "parish," etc.—The word "county" includes a parish, or any other equivalent subdivision of a State or Territory of the United States. (R. S. § 2.)

3. "Vessel" as including all means of water transportation.—The word "vessel" includes every description of water craft or other artificial contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on water. (R. S. § 3.)

4. "Vehicle" as including all means of land transportation.—The word "vehicle" includes every description of carriage or other artificial contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on land. (R. S. § 4.)

5. "Company" and "association" as including successors and assigns.—The word "company" or "association," when used in reference to a corporation, shall be deemed to embrace the words "successors and assigns of such company or association," in like manner as if these last-named words, or words of similar import, were expressed. (R. S. § 5.)