

Copyright in Territories and Insular Possession of the United States, Including Areas in Political Union

Canal Zone

Title 3, Chapter 18, § 391 of the Panama Canal Code¹ (approved June 19, 1934) provides:

The patent, trade-mark, and copyright laws of the United States shall have the same force and effect in the Canal Zone as in continental United States, and the district court is given the same jurisdiction in actions arising under such laws as is exercised by United States district courts.

The Canal Zone Code is printed as a separate document and does not appear in the Statutes at large. The above provision does appear in substance, however, in 47 Stat. 1159, as § 246 of the Act of Feb. 27, 1933, entitled "An Act to provide a new civil code for the Canal Zone and to repeal the existing civil code."

FOOTNOTES:

[n1] Footnote 1. Section 1 of the Act of June 19, 1934, entitled "An Act to establish a Code of Laws for the Canal Zone, and for other purposes," provides in part that it shall "*** for all purposes, establish conclusively, and be deemed to embrace, all the permanent laws relating to or applying in the Canal Zone in force on the date of enactment of this Act, except such general laws of the United States as relate to or apply in the Canal Zone. ***" (June 19, 1934, ch. 667, § 1, 48 Stat. 1122).