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## AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Director of the Census to collect and publish statistics of cotton," approved July 22, 1912.

1           *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2           *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3           That the Director of the Census be, and he is hereby, au-  
4           thorized and directed to collect and publish statistics con-  
5           cerning the amount of cotton ginned; the quantity of raw  
6           cotton consumed in manufacturing establishments of every  
7           character; the quantity of baled cotton on hand; the number  
8           of active consuming cotton spindles; the number of active  
9           spindle hours, and the quantity of cotton imported and ex-  
10          ported, with the country of origin and destination.

1           SEC. 2. That the statistics of the quantity of cotton  
2 ginned shall show the quantity ginned from each crop prior  
3 to August 1, August 16, September 1, September 16, Octo-  
4 ber 1, October 18, November 1, November 14, December  
5 1, December 13, January 16, and March 1: *Provided*, That  
6 the Director of the Census may limit the canvasses of August  
7 1 and August 16, to those sections of the cotton-growing  
8 States in which cotton has been ginned. The quantity of  
9 cotton consumed in manufacturing establishments, the quan-  
10 tity of baled cotton on hand, the number of active consuming  
11 cotton spindles, the number of active spindle hours, and the  
12 statistics of cotton imported and exported shall relate to each  
13 calendar month, and shall be published as soon as possible  
14 after the close of the month. Each report published by the  
15 Bureau of the Census of the quantity ginned shall carry with  
16 it the latest available statistics concerning the quantity of  
17 cotton consumed, stocks of baled cotton on hand, the number  
18 of cotton-consuming spindles, and the quantity of cotton  
19 imported and exported.

20           All of these publications containing statistics of cotton  
21 shall be mailed by the Director of the Census to all cotton  
22 ginners, cotton manufacturers, and cotton warehousemen, and  
23 to all daily newspapers throughout the United States. The  
24 Director of the Census shall furnish to the Department of  
25 Agriculture, immediately prior to the publication of each

1 report of that bureau regarding the cotton crop, the latest  
2 available statistics hereinbefore mentioned, and the said De-  
3 partment of Agriculture shall publish the same in connection  
4 with each of its reports concerning cotton.

5       SEC. 3. That the information furnished by any indi-  
6 vidual establishment under the provisions of this Act shall be  
7 considered as strictly confidential and shall be used only for  
8 the statistical purpose for which it is supplied. Any em-  
9 ployee of the Bureau of the Census who, without the written  
10 authority of the Director of the Census, shall publish or  
11 communicate any information given into his possession by  
12 reason of his employment under the provisions of this Act  
13 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction  
14 thereof, be fined not less than \$300 or more than \$1,000 or  
15 imprisoned for a period of not exceeding one year, or both  
16 so fined and imprisoned, at the discretion of the court.

17       SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of every owner, presi-  
18 dent, treasurer, secretary, director, or other officer or agent  
19 of any cotton ginnery, manufacturing establishment, ware-  
20 house, or other place where cotton is ginned, manufactured,  
21 or stored, whether conducted as a corporation, firm, limited  
22 partnership, or by individuals, when requested by the  
23 Director of the Census or by any special agent or other  
24 employee of the Bureau of the Census acting under the

1 instructions of said director, to furnish completely and cor-  
2 rectly, to the best of his knowledge, all of the information  
3 concerning the quantity of cotton ginned, consumed, or on  
4 hand, and the number of cotton-consuming spindles, and  
5 active spindle hours. The request of the Director of the  
6 Census for information concerning the quantity of cotton  
7 ginned or consumed, stocks of cotton on hand, and number  
8 of spindles and spindle hours may be made in writing or  
9 by a visiting representative, and if made in writing shall be  
10 forwarded by registered mail, and the registry receipt of the  
11 Post Office Department shall be accepted as evidence of such  
12 demand. Any owner, president, treasurer, secretary, direc-  
13 tor, or other officer or agent of any cotton ginnery, manufac-  
14 turing establishment, warehouse, or other place where cotton  
15 is ginned or stored, who, under the conditions hereinbefore  
16 stated, shall refuse or willfully neglect to furnish any of the  
17 information herein provided for or shall willfully give  
18 answers that are false shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and,  
19 upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$300  
20 or more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for a period of not ex-  
21 ceeding one year, or both so fined and imprisoned, at the  
22 discretion of the court.

23       SEC. 5. That in addition to the information regarding  
24 cotton in the United States hereinbefore provided for, the

1 Director of the Census shall compile, by correspondence of  
2 the use of published reports and documents, any available  
3 information concerning the production, consumption, and  
4 stocks of cotton in foreign countries, and the number of  
5 cotton-consuming spindles in such countries. Each report  
6 published by the Bureau of the Census regarding cotton  
7 shall contain an abstract of the latest available information  
8 obtained under the provisions of this section, and the Di-  
9 rector of the Census shall furnish the same to the Depart-  
10 ment of Agriculture for publication in connection with the  
11 reports of that department concerning cotton in the same  
12 manner as in the case of statistics relating to the United  
13 States.

14 SEC. 6. That the reports of cotton ginned to the dates  
15 as of which the Department of Agriculture is also required  
16 to issue cotton crop reports shall be issued simultaneously  
17 with the cotton crop reports of that department, the two  
18 reports to be issued from the same place at eleven o'clock  
19 antemeridian on the eighth day following that on which the  
20 respective reports relate. When such date of release falls  
21 on Sunday or a legal holiday the reports shall be issued at  
22 eleven o'clock antemeridian on the next succeeding workday.

23 SEC. 7. That the Act of Congress authorizing the  
24 Director of the Census to collect and publish statistics of

- 1 cotton, approved July 22, 1912, and all other laws and parts
- 2 of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
- 3 hereby repealed.

Passed the Senate January 23, 1924.

Attest:           GEORGE A. SANDERSON,

*Secretary.*

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