Each justice or judge of the United States shall take the following oath or affirmation before performing the duties of his office: "I, ___ XXX, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will administer justice without respect to persons, and do equal right to the poor and to the rich, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as ___ under the Constitution and laws of the United States. So help me God."

ch. 29, Sec. 4, 40 Stat. 1157).


The phrase "justice or judge of the United States" was substituted for "justices of the Supreme Court, the circuit judges, and the district judges" appearing in said section 372, in order to extend the provisions of this section to judges of the Court of Claims, Customs Court, and Court of Customs and Patent Appeals and to all judges of any court which may be created by enactment of Congress. See definition in section 451 of this title.

The Attorney General has ruled that the expression "any judge of any court of the United States" applied to the Chief Justice and all judges of the Court of Claims. (21 Op. Atty. Gen. 449.)

AMENDMENTS

1990 - Pub. L. 101-650 substituted "under the Constitution" for "according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the Constitution".

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT


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SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 153, 460, 631, 655 of this title.

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