

(2) any increase in compensation granted by law, or granted by reason of an increase made by the committee in the rates of compensation of the House Wage Schedule, to employees within the purview of such system of step increases shall not be held or considered to be an increase in compensation for the purposes of subparagraph (1) of this subsection; and

(3) the benefit of successive step increases under such system of step increases shall be preserved, under regulations prescribed by the committee, for employees whose continuous service is interrupted by service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

(Pub. L. 88-652, §7, Oct. 13, 1964, 78 Stat. 1081.)

**§ 297. Appointments and reclassifications to higher compensation levels**

(a) Each employee in a compensation level of the House Employees Schedule (HS), who is appointed to a position in a higher compensation level of such schedule, or whose position is placed in a higher compensation level of such schedule pursuant to a reclassification of such position, shall be paid compensation in such higher compensation level, in accordance with the following provisions, whichever is first applicable in the following numerical order of precedence:

(1) at the rate of the lowest step for which the rate of compensation equals the rate of compensation for that step, in the compensation level from which he is appointed, which is two steps above the step in such level which he had attained immediately prior to such appointment;

(2) at the rate of the lowest step for which the rate of compensation exceeds, by not less than two steps of the compensation level from which he is appointed, his rate of compensation immediately prior to such appointment; or

(3) at the rate of the highest step of such higher compensation level, or at his rate of compensation immediately prior to such appointment, whichever rate is the higher.

(b) The committee may provide by regulations for the payment of compensation, at an appropriate compensation step determined in accordance with such regulations, to each employee subject to the House Wage Schedule (HWS) who is appointed to a position in a higher compensation level of such schedule or whose position is placed in a higher compensation level of such schedule pursuant to a reclassification of such position.

(Pub. L. 88-652, §8, Oct. 13, 1964, 78 Stat. 1082.)

**§ 298. Reductions in compensation level**

Each employee in a position of a compensation level of the House Employees Schedule (HS) or the House Wage Schedule (HWS), whose employment in such position and level is terminated and who is reemployed, with or without break in service, in a position in a lower compensation level (HS level or HWS level) of such schedule, or whose position is placed in a lower compensation level of such schedule pursuant to a reclassification of such position, shall be placed by the

committee in such step of such lower compensation level as the committee deems appropriate.

(Pub. L. 88-652, §9, Oct. 13, 1964, 78 Stat. 1083.)

**§ 299. Repealed. Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(2) [title I, §102(a)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-100**

Section, Pub. L. 88-652, §10, Oct. 13, 1964, 78 Stat. 1083, related to compensation level of individual appointed to position subject to House Employees Schedule or House Wage Schedule.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(2) [title I, §102(b)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-100, provided that: "The amendment made by subsection (a) [repealing this section] shall apply with respect to employees appointed on or after October 1, 2000."

**§ 300. Establishment of positions; payment from applicable accounts**

The committee may authorize the establishment of additional positions of the kind to which this chapter applies, on a permanent basis or on a temporary basis of not to exceed six months' duration, whenever, in the judgment of the committee, such action is warranted in the interests of the orderly and efficient operation of the House of Representatives. The compensation of each such position may be paid out of the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives until otherwise provided by law. An additional position of the kind to which this chapter applies shall not be established without authorization of the committee.

(Pub. L. 88-652, §11, Oct. 13, 1964, 78 Stat. 1083; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §209(3), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1743.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original "this Act", meaning Pub. L. 88-652, Oct. 13, 1964, 78 Stat. 1079, known as the House Employees Position Classification Act, which enacted this chapter and amended sections 88c and 123b of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 291 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 substituted "applicable accounts" for "contingent fund".

**§ 301. Preservation of existing appointing authorities**

This chapter shall not be held or considered to change or otherwise affect—

(1) any authority to establish positions under the House of Representatives which are not within the purview of this chapter, or

(2) any authority to make appointments to positions under the House of Representatives, irrespective of whether such positions are within the purview of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 88-652, §12, Oct. 13, 1964, 78 Stat. 1083.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original "this Act", meaning Pub. L. 88-652, Oct. 13, 1964, 78 Stat. 1079, known as the House Employees Position Classification Act, which enacted this chapter and