

available to the Architect, in such amounts and for such purposes provided in appropriations acts.

**(d) In-kind consideration**

Subject to subsection (f), the Architect may accept in-kind consideration instead of, or in addition to, any monetary consideration, for any easement granted under this section.

**(e) Termination of easement**

The Architect of the Capitol may terminate all or part of any easement granted under this section for—

- (1) failure to comply with the terms of the grant;
- (2) nonuse for a 2-year period; or
- (3) abandonment.

**(f) Approval**

The Architect of the Capitol may grant an easement for rights-of-way under subsection (a) upon submission of written notice of intent to grant that easement and the amount or type of consideration to be received, and approval by—

- (1) the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate for easements granted on property under Senate jurisdiction;
- (2) the House Office Building Commission for property under House of Representatives jurisdiction; and
- (3) the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the House Office Building Commission for easements granted on any other property.

**(g) Effective date**

This section shall apply to fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(Pub. L. 110-161, div. H, title I, §1307, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2243.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2008, which is div. H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008.

**§ 1827. Support and maintenance during emergencies**

(a) During an emergency involving the safety of human life or the protection of property, as determined or declared by the Capitol Police Board, the Architect of the Capitol—

- (1) may accept contributions of comfort and other incidental items and services to support employees of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol while such employees are on duty in response to the emergency; and
- (2) may incur obligations and make expenditures out of available appropriations for meals, refreshments, and other support and maintenance for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol if, in the judgment of the Architect, such obligations and expenditures are necessary to respond to the emergency.

(b) This section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2010 and each succeeding fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 111-68, div. A, title I, §1305, Oct. 1, 2009, 123 Stat. 2035.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2010, which is div. A of Pub. L. 111-68.

SUBCHAPTER III—PERSONNEL

PART A—GENERAL

**§ 1831. Human resources program**

**(a) Short title**

This section may be cited as the “Architect of the Capitol Human Resources Act”.

**(b) Finding and purpose**

**(1) Finding**

The Congress finds that the Office of the Architect of the Capitol should develop human resources management programs that are consistent with the practices common among other Federal and private sector organizations.

**(2) Purpose**

It is the purpose of this section to require the Architect of the Capitol to establish and maintain a personnel management system that incorporates fundamental principles that exist in other modern personnel systems.

**(c) Personnel management system**

**(1) Establishment**

The Architect of the Capitol shall establish and maintain a personnel management system.

**(2) Requirements**

The personnel management system shall at a minimum include the following:

(A) A system which ensures that applicants for employment and employees of the Architect of the Capitol are appointed, promoted, and assigned on the basis of merit and fitness after fair and equitable consideration of all applicants and employees through open competition.

(B) An equal employment opportunity program which includes an affirmative employment program for employees and applicants for employment, and procedures for monitoring progress by the Architect of the Capitol in ensuring a workforce reflective of the diverse labor force.

(C) A system for the classification of positions which takes into account the difficulty, responsibility, and qualification requirements of the work performed, and which conforms to the principle of equal pay for substantially equal work.

(D) A program for the training of Architect of the Capitol employees which has among its goals improved employee performance and opportunities for employee advancement.

(E) A formal performance appraisal system which will permit the accurate evaluation of job performance on the basis of objective criteria for all Architect of the Capitol employees.

(F) A fair and equitable system to address unacceptable conduct and performance by Architect of the Capitol employees, including a general statement of violations, sanctions, and procedures which shall be made known to all employees, and a formal grievance procedure.