

**§ 72a-1e. Assistance to Senators with committee memberships by employees in office of Senator**

**(1) Designation**

A Senator may designate employees in his office to assist him in connection with his membership on committees of the Senate. An employee may be designated with respect to only one committee.

**(2) Certification; professional staff privileges**

An employee designated by a Senator under this section shall be certified by him to the chairman and ranking minority member of the committee with respect to which such designation is made. Such employee shall be accorded all privileges of a professional staff member (whether permanent or investigatory) of such committee including access to all committee sessions and files, except that any such committee may restrict access to its sessions to one staff member per Senator at a time and require, if classified material is being handled or discussed, that any staff member possess the appropriate security clearance before being allowed access to such material or to discussion of it. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit a committee from adopting policies and practices with respect to the application of this section which are similar to the policies and practices adopted with respect to the application of section 705(c)(1)<sup>1</sup> of Senate Resolution 4, 95th Congress, and section 72a-1d(c)(1)<sup>1</sup> of this title.

**(3) Termination**

A Senator shall notify the chairman and ranking minority member of a committee whenever a designation of an employee under this section with respect to such committee is terminated.

(Pub. L. 95-94, title I, §111(c), Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 662.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 705(c)(1) of Senate Resolution 4, 95th Congress, referred to in par. (2), which was not classified to the Code, was repealed by Pub. L. 95-94, title I, §111(e)(2), Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 663.

Section 72a-1d(c)(1) of this title, referred to in par. (2), was repealed by Pub. L. 95-94, title I, §111(e)(1), Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 663.

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriation Act, 1978, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1978.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 111(f) of Pub. L. 95-94 provided that: "This section, and the amendments made by subsection (d) and the repeals made by subsection (e) [enacting this section, amending section 61-1 of this title, enacting notes set out under section 61-1 of this title, and repealing notes set out under section 72a-1d of this title], shall take effect on October 1, 1977."

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

**§ 72a-1f. Designation by Senator who is Chairman or Vice Chairman of Senate Select Committee on Ethics of employee in office of that Senator to perform part-time service for Committee; amount reimbursable; procedure applicable**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a Senator who is the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics may designate one employee employed in his Senate office to perform part-time service for such Committee, and such Committee shall reimburse such Senator for such employee's services for the Committee by transferring from the contingent fund of the Senate, upon vouchers approved by the Chairman of such Committee, to such Senator's Administrative, Clerical, and Legislative Assistance Allowance, with respect to each pay period of such employee, an amount which bears the same ratio to such employee's salary (but not more than one-half of such salary) for such period, as the portion of the time spent (or to be spent) by such employee in performing services for such Committee during such period bears to the total time for which such employee worked (or will work) during such period (as determined by the Chairman of such Committee) for such Committee and in such Senator's office. Any funds transferred under authority of the preceding sentence to a Senator's Administrative, Clerical, and Legislative Assistance<sup>1</sup> shall be available for the same purposes and in like manner as funds therein which were not transferred thereto under such authority. For purposes of any law of the United States, a State, a territory, or a political subdivision thereof, an employee designated by a Senator pursuant to this section shall be considered to be an employee of such Senator's Senate office and not an employee of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics.

(Pub. L. 98-367, title I, §10, July 17, 1984, 98 Stat. 476.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriation Act, 1985, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1985.

**§ 72a-1g. Referral of ethics violations by Senate Ethics Committee to Government Accountability Office for investigation**

If the Committee on Ethics of the Senate determines that there is a reasonable basis to believe that a Member, officer, or employee of the Senate may have committed an ethics violation, the committee may request the Office of Special Investigations of the Government Accountability Office to conduct factfinding and an investigation into the matter. The Office of Special Investigations shall promptly investigate the matter as directed by the committee.

(Pub. L. 101-194, title V, §501, Nov. 30, 1989, 103 Stat. 1753; Pub. L. 108-271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814.)

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be "Assistance Allowance".