

**§ 72d. Discretionary authority of Senate Committee on Appropriations**

**(a) In general**

The Committee on Appropriations is authorized in its discretion—

(1) to hold hearings, report such hearings, and make investigations as authorized by paragraph 1 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate;

(2) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;

(3) to employ personnel;

(4) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration to use, on a reimbursable or nonreimbursable basis, the services of personnel of any such department or agency;

(5) to procure the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 72a(i) of this title and Senate Resolution 140, agreed to May 14, 1975, except that any approval (and related reporting requirement) shall not apply); and

(6) to provide for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 72a(j) of this title).

**(b) Omitted**

**(c) Effective date**

This section shall be effective on and after October 1, 1998, or the date of enactment of this Act [October 21, 1998], whichever is later.

(Pub. L. 105-275, title I, §10, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2435; Pub. L. 109-55, title I, §6, Aug. 2, 2005, 119 Stat. 568.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Senate Resolution 140, agreed to May 14, 1975, referred to in subsec. (a)(5), is Senate Resolution 140, 94th Congress, which is not classified to the Code.

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 10 of Pub. L. 105-275. Subsec. (b) of section 10 of Pub. L. 105-275 amended section 4 of Senate Resolution 54, 105th Congress, which is not classified to the Code.

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1999, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1999.

AMENDMENTS

2005—Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 109-55 inserted “, except that any approval (and related reporting requirement) shall not apply” after “May 14, 1975”.

**§ 72d-1. Transfer of funds by Chairman of Senate Committee on Appropriations**

**(a) In general**

(1) The Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate may, during any fiscal year, at his or her election transfer funds from the appropriation account for salaries for the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, to the account, within the contingent fund of the Senate, from which expenses are payable for such committee.

(2) The Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate may, during any fiscal year, at his or her election transfer funds from

the appropriation account for expenses, within the contingent fund of the Senate, for the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, to the account from which salaries are payable for such committee.

**(b) Availability of funds; times of transfer**

Any funds transferred under this section shall be—

(1) available for expenditure by such committee in like manner and for the same purposes as are other moneys which are available for expenditure by such committee from the account to which the funds were transferred; and

(2) made at such time or times as the Chairman shall specify in writing to the Senate Disbursing Office.

**(c) Effective date**

This section shall take effect on October 1, 1998, and shall be effective with respect to fiscal years beginning on or after that date.

(Pub. L. 105-275, title I, §11, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2435.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1999, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1999.

**§§ 73, 74. Omitted**

CODIFICATION

Section 73, act Mar. 4, 1925, ch. 549, §1, 43 Stat. 1292, related to clerk hire for Ways and Means Committee. See section 72a(c) of this title and Rules of House of Representatives.

Section 74, acts Mar. 3, 1893, No. 21, 27 Stat. 757; July 16, 1914, ch. 141, §§1, 6, 38 Stat. 454, 509; Mar. 4, 1915, ch. 141, §§1, 6, 38 Stat. 997, 1049; June 7, 1924, ch. 303, §1, 43 Stat. 581, and Mar. 4, 1925, ch. 549, §1, 43 Stat. 1286, related to clerk hire. See section 72a of this title.

REPEALS

R.S. §53 and act May 24, 1924, ch. 183, §1, 43 Stat. 149, formerly cited as a credit to section 74, were repealed by act Mar. 3, 1933, ch. 202, §1, 47 Stat. 1428, and act June 20, 1929, ch. 33, §6, 46 Stat. 39, respectively.

**§ 74-1. Personal services in office of Speaker; payments**

There shall be paid from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives until otherwise provided by law, for personal services in the office of the Speaker of the House, an additional basic sum of \$10,000 per annum.

(Pub. L. 87-730, §103, Oct. 2, 1962, 76 Stat. 693; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §204(14), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1732.)

CODIFICATION

Section is based on House Resolution No. 487, Eighty-seventh Congress, Jan. 10, 1962, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 87-730.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 substituted “applicable accounts of the House of Representatives” for “contingent fund of the House”.

**§ 74-2. Omitted**

Section, Pub. L. 88-248, §103, Dec. 30, 1963, 77 Stat. 817; Pub. L. 89-90, §103, July 27, 1965, 79 Stat. 81; Pub. L.

90-417, §103, July 23, 1968, 82 Stat. 413, was based on House Resolutions No. 603, Apr. 16, 1962, and No. 685, Apr. 14, 1964, related to messengers in Office of Speaker, and was omitted for lack of general applicability.

**§ 74a. Employment of administrative assistants for Speaker and House Majority and Minority Leaders; compensation; appropriations**

The Speaker, the majority leader, and the minority leader of the House of Representatives are each authorized to employ an administrative assistant, who shall receive basic compensation at a rate not to exceed \$8,000 a year. There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the payment of such compensation.

(Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title II, §201(c), 60 Stat. 834.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Aug. 2, 1946, see section 245 of act Aug. 2, 1946, set out as a note under section 72a of this title.

BASIC COMPENSATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

Pub. L. 85-462, §4(n), June 20, 1958, 72 Stat. 209, provided that: "The basic compensation of the Administrative Assistants to the Speaker, Majority Leader, Minority Leader, Majority Whip, and Minority Whip, shall be at the rate of \$8,880 per annum."

House Resolution No. 127, Eighty-ninth Congress, Jan. 19, 1965, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 89-90, §103, July 27, 1965, 79 Stat. 281, provided: "That effective January 3, 1965, there shall be payable from the contingent fund of the House, until otherwise provided by law, for any Member of the House who has served as majority leader and as minority leader of the House, an additional \$8,880 basic per annum for an administrative assistant."

House Resolution No. 258, Eighty-ninth Congress, Mar. 9, 1965, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 89-90, §103, July 27, 1965, 79 Stat. 281, provided: "That, effective March 1, 1965, there shall be payable from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, until otherwise provided by law, an amount which will permit the payment of basic compensation per annum, at a rate not in excess of the highest amount which, together with additional compensation authorized by law, will not exceed the maximum rate authorized by the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, to the administrative assistant of each of the following:

- "(1) the Speaker of the House;
- "(2) the majority leader of the House;
- "(3) the minority leader of the House;
- "(4) the majority whip of the House;
- "(5) the minority whip of the House;
- "(6) each Member of the House who has served as Speaker of the House; and
- "(7) each Member of the House who has served as majority leader, and as minority leader, of the House."

Section 207(c) of House Resolution 988, Ninety-third Congress, Oct. 8, 1974, provided for the compensation of the administrative assistants referred to in House Resolution 1015, Ninetieth Congress, Jan. 15, 1968, at a rate not in excess of the minimum rate of pay in effect for one pay level above that of employees (referred to in clause 6(a)(1) of Rule XI) to whom clause 6(c) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives applied.

INCREASES IN COMPENSATION

Increases in compensation for House officers and employees under authority of Federal Salary Act of 1967 (Pub. L. 90-206), Federal Pay Comparability Act of 1970 (Pub. L. 91-656), and Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1988 (Pub. L. 100-202), see sections 60a-2 and 60a-2a

of this title, and Salary Directives of Speaker of the House, set out as notes under those sections.

**§ 74a-1. Omitted**

CODIFICATION

Section, Pub. L. 87-367, title III, §302(c), Oct. 4, 1961, 75 Stat. 793, provided that rate of gross annual compensation of Chief of Staff of Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation was to be an amount equal to \$17,500 as increased in the manner provided by sections 60e-8(d) and 60e-9(d) of this title. See section 74a-2 of this title.

A prior section 74a-1, act Aug. 5, 1955, ch. 568, §9, 69 Stat. 509, prescribed compensation of Chief of Staff of Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation.

**§ 74a-2. Per annum rate of compensation of Chief of Staff of Joint Committee on Taxation**

The per annum rate of compensation of the Chief of Staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation shall be the same as the per annum rate of compensation of the Legislative Counsel of the House of Representatives.

(Pub. L. 90-206, title II, §214(e), Dec. 16, 1967, 81 Stat. 636; Pub. L. 103-437, §2(a), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4581.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-437 substituted "Joint Committee on Taxation" for "Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation".

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective as of beginning of first pay period which begins on or after Oct. 1, 1967, see section 220(a)(2) of Pub. L. 90-206, set out as an Effective Date of 1967 Amendment note under section 5332 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

CROSS REFERENCES

Compensation of Legislative Counsel of House of Representatives, see section 282b of this title.

**§ 74a-3. Additional employees in offices of House Minority Leader, Majority Whip, and Chief Deputy Majority Whip; authorization; compensation**

(a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, effective March 1, 1977, there shall be two additional employees in the office of the minority leader, and one additional employee each in the offices of the majority whip and the chief deputy majority whip.

(b) The annual rate of compensation for any individual employed under subsection (a) of this section shall not exceed the annual rate of basic pay of level V of the Executive Schedule of section 5316 of title 5, and until otherwise provided by law such compensation as may be necessary shall be paid from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives.

(Pub. L. 95-94, title I, §115, Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 668; Pub. L. 104-53, title I, §103, Nov. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 520; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §204(15)(A), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1732.)

CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 1 of House Resolution No. 393, Ninety-fifth Congress, Mar. 31, 1977, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 95-94.

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-53 is based on section 3(b) of House Resolution No. 113, One Hundred Fourth Con-