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SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL

§ 1801. Appointment

(a)(1) The Architect of the Capitol shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate for a term of 10 years.

(2) There is established a commission to recommend individuals to the President for appointment to the office of Architect of the Capitol. The commission shall be composed of—

- (A) the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
(B) the President pro tempore of the Senate,
(C) the majority and minority leaders of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and
(D) the chairmen and the ranking minority members of the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Rules and Administration of

the Senate, the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

The commission shall recommend at least three individuals for appointment to such office.

(3) An individual appointed Architect of the Capitol under paragraph (1) shall be eligible for reappointment to such office.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section shall be effective in the case of appointments made to fill vacancies in the office of Architect of the Capitol which occur on or after November 21, 1989. If no such vacancy occurs within the six-year period which begins on November 21, 1989, no individual may, after the expiration of such period, hold such office unless the individual is appointed in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

(Pub. L. 101-163, title III, § 319, Nov. 21, 1989, 103 Stat. 1068; Pub. L. 104-19, title I, § 701, July 27, 1995, 109 Stat. 220.)

CODIFICATION

Section was classified to section 162-1 of former Title 40, prior to the enactment of Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, by Pub. L. 107-217, § 1, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1062.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Act Aug. 15, 1876, ch. 287, 19 Stat. 147, transferred duties relative to the Capitol theretofore performed by Commissioner of Public Buildings and Grounds to Architect of the Capitol.

Act Mar. 2, 1867, ch. 167, § 2, 14 Stat. 466, abolished office of Commissioner of Public Buildings and Grounds referred to in section 1811 of this title, and transferred the duties of that office to the Chief of Engineers of the Army.

Act Sept. 30, 1850, ch. 90, § 1, 9 Stat. 538, made appropriation for “the extension of the Capitol” according to the plan as might be approved by the President, to be expended under his direction, “by such architect as he may appoint to execute the same.” Subsequent acts frequently referred to the Architect of the Capitol or to the Architect of the Capitol Extension.

Act Mar. 3, 1829, ch. 51, § 2, 4 Stat. 363, authorized President to continue office of Architect of the Capitol long enough to complete work in progress.

Act May 2, 1828, ch. 45, § 3, 4 Stat. 266, abolished office of Architect of the Capitol. The duties of that office were transferred to Commissioner of Public Buildings and Grounds, appointed by President under act April 29, 1816, ch. 150, § 2, 3 Stat. 324, to succeed a previously existing board of three commissioners of Public Buildings and Grounds.

AMENDMENTS

1995—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 104-19, § 701(1), (2), substituted “office” for “Office” in first sentence and “commission” for “Commission” in introductory provisions in second sentence.

Subsec. (a)(2)(D). Pub. L. 104-19, § 701(3), substituted “Oversight of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate” for “Administration of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-19, § 701(1), substituted “office” for “Office” in first sentence.

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on House Oversight of House of Representatives changed to Committee on House Administration of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Sixth Congress, Jan. 6, 1999.