

under the franking privilege, as cash or check payments directly from such Senators, committees, or offices, or as reimbursement from the Financial Clerk of the Senate pursuant to certification by the Sergeant at Arms of charges to be made to such funds available to such Senators, committees, or offices for such postage, fees and charges shall be used by the Sergeant at Arms for payment to the United States Postal Service for such postage, fees, and charges.”

**§ 58a. Telecommunications services for Senators; payment of costs out of contingent fund**

The Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate shall furnish each Senator local and long-distance telecommunications services in Washington, District of Columbia, and in such Senator’s State in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration; and the costs of such service shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate from moneys made available to him for that purpose.

(Pub. L. 98–181, title I, §1205(a), Nov. 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 1290; Pub. L. 99–65, §1(b), July 12, 1985, 99 Stat. 163; Pub. L. 99–439, Oct. 2, 1986, 100 Stat. 1085.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1984.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 58a, Pub. L. 95–94, title I, §112(g), Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 665, directed Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of Senate to furnish not more than two WATS lines to any Senator requesting them, with the cost of such service to be paid out of contingent fund of Senate, prior to repeal by section 1205(b) of Pub. L. 98–181, effective first day of first calendar month which begins more than thirty days after Nov. 30, 1983.

AMENDMENTS

1986—Pub. L. 99–439 struck out “(except services for which the charge is based on the amount of time the service is used)” after “Senator’s State”.

1985—Pub. L. 99–65 inserted “and in such Senator’s State (except services for which the charge is based on the amount of time the service is used)”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99–65 effective on first day of first calendar month beginning more than 60 days after July 12, 1985, see section 2 of Pub. L. 99–65, set out as a note under section 58 of this title.

PAYMENT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

Pub. L. 104–53, title I, §5, Nov. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 517, as amended by Pub. L. 104–197, title I, §4(a), Sept. 16, 1996, 110 Stat. 2397; Pub. L. 107–68, title I, §104(a), Nov. 12, 2001, 115 Stat. 568, provided that:

“(a) Any payment for local and long distance telecommunications service provided to any user shall cover the total invoiced amount, including any amount relating to separately identified toll calls, and shall be charged to the appropriation for the fiscal year in which the underlying base service period covered by the invoice begins.

“(b) As used in subsection (a), the term ‘user’ means a Senator, an Officer of the Senate, and any office, committee, or other entity the funds of which are disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate.”

[Pub. L. 107–68, title I, §104(b), Nov. 12, 2001, 115 Stat. 568, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending section 5 of Pub. L. 104–53, set out above] shall take effect on October 1, 2001, and shall apply to base service periods beginning on or after that date.”]

[Pub. L. 104–197, title I, §4(b), Sept. 16, 1996, 110 Stat. 2397, provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending section 5 of Pub. L. 104–53, set out above] shall take effect on October 1, 1996, and shall apply to all payments made on or after such date for local and long distance telecommunications service.”]

**§ 58a–1. Payment for telecommunications equipment and services; definitions**

As used in sections 58a–1 to 58a–3 of this title, the term—

(1) “Sergeant at Arms” means the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the United States Senate; and

(2) “user” means any Senator, Officer of the Senate, Committee, office, or entity provided telephone equipment and services by the Sergeant at Arms.

(Pub. L. 100–123, §1, Oct. 5, 1987, 101 Stat. 794.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 100–123, §4, Oct. 5, 1987, 101 Stat. 795, provided that: “This Act [enacting this section and sections 58a–2 and 58a–3 of this title] shall take effect on October 1, 1987.”

**§ 58a–2. Certification of telecommunications equipment and services as official**

**(a) Regulations issued by Committee on Rules and Administration**

Subject to such regulations as may hereafter be issued by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms shall have the authority, with respect to telephone equipment and services provided to any user on a reimbursable basis (including repair or replacement), solely for the purposes of this section, to make such certification as may be necessary to establish such services and equipment as official, issue invoices in conjunction therewith, and receive payment for such services and equipment by certification, voucher, or otherwise.

**(b) Equipment and services provided on reimbursable basis**

For purposes of sections 58a–1 to 58a–3 of this title, telephone equipment and services provided to any user for which payment, prior to October 1, 1987, was not authorized from the contingent fund of the Senate shall, on and after October 1, 1987, be considered telephone equipment and services provided on a reimbursable basis for which payment may be obtained from such fund in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

**(c) Establishment of reasonable charges**

Subject to the approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration, the Sergeant at Arms may establish reasonable charges for telephone equipment and services provided to any user which may be in addition to that regularly authorized by the Committee.

**(d) Disposition of moneys received**

All moneys, derived from payments for telephone equipment and services provided from funds from the Appropriation Account within the contingent fund of the Senate for “Contingent Expenses, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate” under the line item for Telecommunications (including receipts from

carriers and others for loss or damage to such services or equipment for which repair or replacement has been provided by the Sergeant at Arms), and all other moneys received by the Sergeant at Arms as charges or commissions for telephone services, shall be deposited in and made a part of such Appropriation Account and under such line item, and shall be available for expenditure or obligation, or both, in like manner and subject to the same limitations as any other moneys in such account and under such line item.

**(e) Committee authority to classify or reclassify equipment and services**

Nothing in sections 58a-1 to 58a-3 of this title shall be construed as limiting or otherwise affecting the authority of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate to classify or reclassify telephone equipment and services provided to any user as equipment or services for which reimbursement may or may not be required.

(Pub. L. 100-123, §2, Oct. 5, 1987, 101 Stat. 794; Pub. L. 101-163, title I, §3, Nov. 21, 1989, 103 Stat. 1044.)

AMENDMENTS

1989—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 101-163 inserted “and all other moneys received by the Sergeant at Arms as charges or commissions for telephone services,” after “by the Sergeant at Arms).”.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1987, see section 4 of Pub. L. 100-123, set out as a note under section 58a-1 of this title.

**§ 58a-3. Report on telecommunications to Committee on Rules and Administration**

The Sergeant at Arms shall report to the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, at such time or times, and in such form and manner, as the Committee may direct, on expenditures made, and revenues received, pursuant to sections 58a-1 to 58a-3 of this title. It shall be the function of the Sergeant at Arms to advise the Committee, as soon as possible, of any dispute regarding payments to and from such Appropriation Account as related to the line item for Telecommunications, including any amounts due and unpaid by any user, if any such dispute has remained unresolved for a period of at least 60 days.

(Pub. L. 100-123, §3, Oct. 5, 1987, 101 Stat. 795.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1987, see section 4 of Pub. L. 100-123, set out as a note under section 58a-1 of this title.

**§ 58a-4. Metered charges on copiers; “Sergeant at Arms” and “user” defined; certification of services and equipment as official; deposit of payments; availability for expenditure**

(a) As used in this section, the term—

(1) “Sergeant at Arms” means the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the United States Senate; and

(2) “user” means any Senator, Officer of the Senate, Committee, office, or entity provided copiers by the Sergeant at Arms.

(b)(1) Subject to such regulations as may on and after November 5, 1990, be issued by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms shall have the authority, with respect to metered charges on copying equipment provided by the Sergeant at Arms, solely for the purposes of this section, to make such certification as may be necessary to establish such services and equipment as official, issue invoices in conjunction therewith, and receive payment for such services and equipment by certification, voucher, or otherwise.

(2) All moneys, derived from the payment of metered charges on copying equipment provided from funds from the Appropriation Account within the contingent fund of the Senate for “Contingent Expenses, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate” under the line item for the Service Department, shall be deposited in and made a part of such Appropriation Account and under such line item, and shall be available for expenditure or obligation, or both, in like manner and subject to the same limitations as any other moneys in such account and under such line item.

(Pub. L. 101-520, title I, §4(a), (b), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 2257.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This section, referred to in text, means section 4 of Pub. L. 101-520, which enacted this section, amended section 58 of this title, and enacted provisions set out as a note under section 58 of this title.

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1991, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1991.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1990, see section 4(d) of Pub. L. 101-520, set out as an Effective Date of 1990 Amendment note under section 58 of this title.

**§ 58b. Repealed. Pub. L. 100-137, § 2, Oct. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 819**

Section, Pub. L. 97-12, title I, §110, June 5, 1981, 95 Stat. 62; Pub. L. 97-51, §125, Oct. 1, 1981, 95 Stat. 965; Pub. L. 98-367, title I, §11(a), July 17, 1984, 98 Stat. 476; Pub. L. 99-349, title I, §2(a), (b), July 2, 1986, 100 Stat. 741, 742, provided for transfer to a Senator’s Official Office Expense Account of that Senator’s clerk hire allowance funds remaining at end of fiscal year. See section 58c of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Pub. L. 100-137, §2, Oct. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 819, provided that the repeal is effective Jan. 1, 1988.

**§ 58c. Senators’ Official Personnel and Office Expense Account**

(1) Effective January 1, 1988, there shall be, within the contingent fund of the Senate, a separate appropriation account to be known as the “Senators’ Official Personnel and Office Expense Account” (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “Senators’ Account”).

(2) The Senators’ Account shall be used for the funding of all items, activities, and expenses which, immediately prior to January 1, 1988, were funded under either (A) the Senate appropriation account for “Administrative, Clerical,