

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