

(b) Contracts for use of Senate computer; approval; terms

(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2), the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate is authorized to enter into contracts with any agency or instrumentality of the legislative branch for the use of any available time on the Senate computer.

(2) No contract may be entered into under paragraph (1) unless it has been approved by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, and no such contract may extend beyond the end of the fiscal year in which it is entered into. Each contract entered into under paragraph (1) shall contain—

(A) a provision requiring full advance payment for the amount of time contracted for, and

(B) a provision requiring refund of a proportionate amount of such advance payment if the total amount of time contracted for is not used.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any agency or instrumentality of the legislative branch is authorized to make advance payments under a contract entered into under paragraph (1).

(c) Additional personnel

To the extent that the personnel of the Senate Computer Center are unable to carry out the contracts entered into under subsection (b) of this section according to their terms and conditions, the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate is authorized to employ such additional personnel for the Senate Computer Center as may be necessary to carry out such contracts, and to pay the salaries of such additional personnel, and agency contributions attributable thereto, from the revolving fund. Such additional personnel may temporarily be assigned to perform the regular functions of the Senate Computer Center when their services are not needed to carry out such contracts.

(d) Disbursements

Disbursements from the revolving fund under subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall be made upon vouchers signed by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, except that vouchers shall not be required for the disbursement of salaries of employees paid at an annual rate.

(Pub. L. 94-303, title I, § 116, June 1, 1976, 90 Stat. 614.)

§ 123e. Senate legislative information system

(a) Development and implementation by Secretary of Senate

The Secretary of the Senate, with the oversight and approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, shall oversee the development and implementation of a comprehensive Senate legislative information system.

(b) Cooperative effort

In carrying out this section, the Secretary of the Senate shall consult and work with officers and employees of the House of Representatives.

Legislative branch agencies and departments and agencies of the executive branch shall provide cooperation, consultation, and assistance as requested by the Secretary of the Senate to carry out this section.

(c) Funding

Any funds that were appropriated under the heading “Secretary of the Senate” for expenses of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate by the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1995, to remain available until September 30, 1998, and that the Secretary determines are not needed for development of a financial management system for the Senate may, with the approval of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, be used to carry out the provisions of this section, and such funds shall be available through September 30, 2000.

(d) Regulations

The Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate may prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

(e) Effective date

This section shall be effective for fiscal years beginning on or after October 1, 1996.

(Pub. L. 104-197, title I, § 8, Sept. 16, 1996, 110 Stat. 2398.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1995, referred to in subsec. (c), is Pub. L. 103-283, July 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 1423, as amended. Provisions under the heading “Secretary of the Senate” in Pub. L. 103-283 appear at 108 Stat. 1425, and are not classified to the Code.

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1997, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1997.

§ 124. Arrangements for attendance at funeral of deceased House Members; payment of funeral expenses and expenses of attending funeral rites

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sergeant at Arms of the House is authorized and directed on and after October 2, 1962, to make such arrangements as may be necessary for any committee of Members of the Senate and House of Representatives duly appointed to attend the funeral of a deceased Member of the House. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there shall be paid out of the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives, under such rules and regulations as the Committee on House Oversight may prescribe, such sums as may be necessary to defray the funeral expenses of the deceased Member and to defray the expenses of such committee, the Sergeant at Arms of the House or a representative of his office, and the widow (or widower) or minor children, or both, of the deceased Member incurred in attending the funeral rites and burial of such Member.

(Pub. L. 87-730, §101, Oct. 2, 1962, 76 Stat. 686; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §204(69), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1740.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1963.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:
 Aug. 5, 1955, ch. 568, 69 Stat. 513.
 July 2, 1954, ch. 455, title I, 68 Stat. 403.
 Aug. 1, 1953, ch. 304, title I, 67 Stat. 325.

AMENDMENTS

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

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.

§ 125. Gratuities for survivors of deceased House employees; computation

The Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives is on and after July 2, 1954, authorized to pay, from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives, a gratuity to the widow, widower, or heirs-at-law, of each deceased employee of the House an amount equal to one month's salary for each year or part of year of the first six years service of such employee plus one-half of one month's salary for each year or part of year of such service in excess of six years to and including the eighteenth year of such service. Service computed hereunder shall include all Federal civilian employment, and military service where such service interrupted Federal civilian employment.

(July 2, 1954, ch. 455, title I, 68 Stat. 403; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §204(70), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1740.)

AMENDMENTS

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

§ 125a. Death gratuity payments as gifts

Any death gratuity payment at any time specifically appropriated by any Act of Congress or at any time made out of the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives or the contingent fund of the Senate shall be held to have been a gift.

(June 5, 1952, ch. 369, Ch. I, 66 Stat. 101; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §203(6), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1725.)

CODIFICATION

Section is also set out as section 38b of this title.

AMENDMENTS

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

§ 126. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-554, § 8, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 658

Section, act Sept. 1, 1954, ch. 1208, title VI, §603, 68 Stat. 1116, provided that official reporters of Senate

proceedings and their employees be considered officers or employees of the legislative branch within section 2091(a) of former Title 5. See section 8701(a)(3) of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 126-1. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section, Pub. L. 89-90, July 27, 1965, 79 Stat. 265; Pub. L. 90-239, ch. IV, Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 774; Pub. L. 94-59, title I, July 25, 1975, 89 Stat. 270; Pub. L. 96-38, title I, §105(1), July 25, 1979, 93 Stat. 112, which authorized Secretary of Senate to employ one chief reporter of debates, seven reporters of debates, one assistant reporter of debates, two clerks, and six expert transcribers, was omitted because of section 61a-11 of this title which abolished all statutory positions in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, with specified exceptions, effective Oct. 1, 1981, and authorized Secretary of Senate to appoint and fix compensation of such employees as appropriate.

§ 126-2. Designation of reporters

The reporters of debates in the office of the Secretary of the Senate are hereby designated the official reporters of debates of the Senate.

(Pub. L. 89-545, Aug. 27, 1966, 80 Stat. 354.)

§ 126a. Omitted

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Section, Pub. L. 86-628, July 12, 1960, 74 Stat. 447, related to appointment of reporters, transcribers and other employees by Official Reporter of Debates of Senate. See section 61a-11 of this title.

§ 126b. Substitute reporters of debates and expert transcribers; temporary reporters of debates and expert transcribers; payments from Senate contingent fund

The Secretary of the Senate is on and after June 5, 1981, authorized to employ, by contract or otherwise, substitute reporters of debates and expert transcribers at daily rates of compensation, or temporary reporters of debates and expert transcribers at annual rates of compensation; no temporary reporters of debates or expert transcribers may be employed under authority of this provision for more than ninety days in any fiscal year; and payments made under authority of this section shall be made from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the Secretary of the Senate.

(Pub. L. 89-90, July 27, 1965, 79 Stat. 266; Pub. L. 97-12, title I, §105, June 5, 1981, 95 Stat. 61.)

CODIFICATION

“On and after June 5, 1981” substituted in text for “hereafter”, which probably meant after the date of enactment of Pub. L. 97-12 rather than the date of enactment of Pub. L. 89-90.

AMENDMENTS

1981—Pub. L. 97-12 amended section generally, substituting “authorized to employ, by contract or otherwise, substitute reporters of debates and expert transcribers at daily rates of compensation, or temporary reporters of debates and expert transcribers at annual rates of compensation; no temporary reporters of debates or expert transcribers may be employed under authority of this provision for more than ninety days in any fiscal year; and payments made under authority of this section shall be made from the contingent fund of