

## 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.)

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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**

## CODIFICATION

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

the Senate upon vouchers approved by the Secretary of the Senate” for “authorized to obtain by contract or otherwise, emergency reporters and transcribers as may be necessary, payments therefor to be made from the contingent fund of the Senate”.

**§ 127. Repealed. Pub. L. 92-51, July 9, 1971, 85 Stat. 129**

Section, Pub. L. 87-130, Aug. 10, 1961, 75 Stat. 323; Pub. L. 89-90, July 27, 1965, 79 Stat. 269; Pub. L. 91-145, Dec. 12, 1969, 83 Stat. 343, provided for reimbursement of transportation expenses of employees in Senator’s office, authorizing eight round trips in any fiscal year and two additional mileage payments when office of Senator is from a State having a population of ten million or more inhabitants and requiring voucher certification of travel as being in line of official duty.

Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Act June 27, 1956, ch. 453, 70 Stat. 360, as amended by acts July 12, 1960, Pub. L. 86-628, 74 Stat. 449; Mar. 31, 1961, Pub. L. 87-14, title I, 75 Stat. 29.

Act Aug. 5, 1955, ch. 568, 69 Stat. 504.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Pub. L. 92-51 provided that the repeal is effective July 1, 1971.

**§ 127a. Reimbursement of transportation expenses for employees in office of House Member**

The applicable accounts of the House of Representatives is<sup>1</sup> made available after August 28, 1965, for reimbursement of transportation expenses incurred by not to exceed two employees in the office of a Member of the House of Representatives (including the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico) for one round trip each, or incurred by not to exceed one employee for two round trips, in any calendar year between Washington, District of Columbia, and the place of residence of the Member representing the congressional district involved. Such payment shall be made only upon vouchers approved by the Member containing a certification by him that such travel was performed in line of official duty, but the mileage allowed for any such trip shall not exceed the round trip mileage by the nearest usual route between Washington, District of Columbia, and the Member’s place of residence in the congressional district involved. The Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives shall make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(Pub. L. 89-147, § 3, Aug. 28, 1965, 79 Stat. 583; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, § 204(71), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1740.)

AMENDMENTS

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

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**§ 127b. Reimbursement of residential telecommunications expenses for House Members, officers, and employees**

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, official resources may be used during a fiscal year (beginning with fiscal year 1999), in accordance with regulations of the Committee on House Oversight, to reimburse a Member, officer, or employee of the House of Representatives for the ordinary and necessary expenses related to the official use of telecommunications lines in the residence of the Member, officer, or employee.

(b) The Committee on House Oversight shall promulgate such regulations as are necessary to implement this section.

(Pub. L. 105-275, title I, § 109, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2439.)

CODIFICATION

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

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**§§ 128, 129. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-554, § 8(a), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 658, 659**

Section 128, act Aug. 5, 1955, ch. 568, 69 Stat. 513, authorized contributions for group life insurance of House employees from House contingent fund. See section 8708 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

Section 129, Pub. L. 85-75, July 1, 1957, 71 Stat. 248, authorized contributions to retirement and disability fund from House contingent fund. See section 8334 of Title 5.

**§ 130. Repealed. Pub. L. 95-391, title I, § 111, Sept. 30, 1978, 92 Stat. 777**

Section, Pub. L. 87-730, § 103, Oct. 2, 1962, 76 Stat. 693; H. Res. 163, Mar. 19, 1975; Pub. L. 95-94, title I, § 115, Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 668, authorized payment of expenses of participation by House in interparliamentary institutions. See section 130-1 of this title.

The repeal of this section is based on a part of section 2 of House Resolution No. 1047, Ninety-fifth Congress, Apr. 4, 1978, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 95-391.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Section 2 of House Resolution No. 1047, Ninety-fifth Congress, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 95-391, provided that the repeal is effective upon the enactment of House Resolution No. 1047 as permanent law, which was effected by Pub. L. 95-391, § 111, effective Sept. 30, 1978.

NINETY-FIFTH CONGRESS

Section 2 of House Resolution No. 1047, Ninety-fifth Congress, Apr. 4, 1978, enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 95-391, provided that this section would not be effective in the Ninety-fifth Congress upon the adoption of H. Res. 1047.

AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF EXPENSES FROM CONTINGENT FUND OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR PARTICIPATORY ACTIVITIES

Section 1 of House Resolution No. 434, Ninety-fifth Congress, Mar. 31, 1977, enacted into permanent law by

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “are”.