

available from and after January 2, 1947, also for the education of such other minors who are Senate employees as may be certified by the Secretary of the Senate to receive such education. (Mar. 22, 1947, ch. 20, title I, 61 Stat. 16; Pub. L. 98-367, title I, §103, July 17, 1984, 98 Stat. 479; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §204(35), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1735.)

CODIFICATION

The first paragraph of this section is based on act Mar. 22, 1947.

The second paragraph was based on H. Res. No. 279, Ninety-eighth Congress, July 21, 1983, enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 98-367. See 1996 Amendment note below.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186, in first par., substituted “Senate employees” for “congressional employees” and struck out “and the Clerk of the House of Representatives” after “Secretary of the Senate”, and struck out second par. which read as follows: “This section shall not apply to any minor who is an employee of the House of Representatives or to any educational facility under the House of Representatives Page Board.”

§ 88b-1. Congressional pages

(a) Appointment conditions

A person shall not be appointed as a page of the Senate or House of Representatives—

(1) unless he agrees that, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances preventing his service as a page after his appointment, he will continue to serve as a page for the period specified in writing at the time of the appointment; and

(2) until complete information in writing is transmitted to his parent or parents, his legal guardian, or other appropriate person or persons acting as his parent or parents, with respect to the nature of the work of pages, their pay, their working conditions (including hours and scheduling of work), and the housing accommodations available to pages.

(b) Qualifications

A person shall not serve as a page—

(1) of the Senate before he has attained the age of sixteen years; or

(2) of the House of Representatives before he has attained the age of sixteen years.

(Pub. L. 91-510, title IV, §491(a)-(d), Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1198; Pub. L. 97-51, §§101(c), 123, Oct. 1, 1981, 95 Stat. 959, 965; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §204(36), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1735; Pub. L. 108-447, div. G, title I, §9, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3170.)

CODIFICATION

Repeal of subsecs. (c) and (d) of this section is based on section 304(a) of H.R. 4120, as reported July 9, 1981, which was enacted into permanent law by section 101(c) of Pub. L. 97-51 and amended by section 123 of Pub. L. 97-51.

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 108-447 substituted “sixteen” for “fourteen”.

1996—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 104-186, §204(36)(A), substituted “the period specified in writing at the time of the appointment” for “a period of not less than two months”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-186, §204(36)(B), substituted a period for “; or” at end of par. (2) and struck out concluding provisions which read as follows: “(except in the case of a chief page, telephone page, or riding page) during any session of the Congress which begins after he has attained the age of eighteen years.”

1981—Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 97-51 struck out subsecs. (c) and (d) which had provided, respectively, that pay of pages of the Senate began not more than five days before the convening or reconvening of a session of the Congress or of the Senate and continued until the end of the month during which the Congress or the Senate adjourned or recessed or until the fourteenth day after such adjournment or recess, whichever was the later date, except that, in any case in which the Congress or the Senate adjourned or recessed on or before the last day of July for a period of at least thirty days but not more than forty-five days, such pay would continue until the end of such period of adjournment or recess, and that the pay of pages of the House of Representatives began not more than five days before the convening of a session of the Congress and continued until the end of the month during which the Congress adjourned sine die or recessed or until the fourteenth day after such adjournment or recess, whichever was the later date, except that, in any case in which the House adjourned or recessed on or before the last day of July in any year for a period of at least thirty days but not more than forty-five days, such pay would continue until the end of such period of adjournment or recess.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Subsecs. (a), (c), and (d) of this section effective immediately prior to noon on Jan. 3, 1971, see section 601(1) of Pub. L. 91-510, set out as an Effective Date of 1970 Amendment note under section 72a of this title.

Pub. L. 91-510, title IV, §491(f), Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1198, provided that: “Subsection (b) of this section shall become effective on January 3, 1971, but the provisions of such subsection limiting service as a page to persons who have attained the age of sixteen years shall not be construed to prohibit the continued service of any page appointed prior to the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 26, 1970].”

PAY OF PAGES BETWEEN RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Prior to the repeal of subsecs. (c) and (d) of section 88b-1 of this title by Pub. L. 97-51, provisions for continuing the pay of pages of the Senate and House of Representatives during specific periods of recess or adjournment of Congress by making such subsecs. (b) and (c) inapplicable to the pay of pages during such periods, were contained in the following appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 97-12, title I, June 5, 1981, 95 Stat. 65.

Pub. L. 96-536, §101(c), Dec. 16, 1980, 94 Stat. 3167.

Pub. L. 96-38, title III, §303, July 25, 1979, 93 Stat. 142. Subsequently repealed by Pub. L. 97-51, §§101(c), 123, Oct. 1, 1981, 95 Stat. 965.

Pub. L. 95-391, title III, §305, Sept. 30, 1978, 92 Stat. 789.

§ 88b-2. House of Representatives Page Board; establishment and purpose

(a) Until otherwise provided by law, there is hereby established a board to be known as the House of Representatives Page Board to ensure that the page program is conducted in a manner that is consistent with the efficient functioning of the House and the welfare of the pages.

(b) The Page Board shall meet regularly, in accordance with a schedule established jointly by the Speaker and minority leader of the House of Representatives.

(Pub. L. 97-377, title I, §127, Dec. 21, 1982, 96 Stat. 1914; Pub. L. 110-2, §3, Feb. 2, 2007, 121 Stat. 5.)

CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 1 of House Resolution No. 611, Ninety-seventh Congress, Nov. 30, 1982, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 97-377.

AMENDMENTS

2007—Pub. L. 110-2 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2007 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 110-2, § 4, Feb. 2, 2007, 121 Stat. 5, provided that: “The amendments made by this Act [amending this section and section 88b-3 of this title] shall apply with respect to the portion of the One Hundred Tenth Congress which begins after the date of the enactment of this Act [Feb. 2, 2007] and each succeeding Congress.”

SHORT TITLE OF 2007 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 110-2, § 1, Feb. 2, 2007, 121 Stat. 4, provided that: “This Act [amending this section and section 88b-3 of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under this section] may be cited as the ‘House Page Board Revision Act of 2007.’”

§ 88b-3. Membership of Page Board**(a) Appointed and designated members**

The Page Board shall consist of—

- (1) two Members of the House appointed by the Speaker and two Members of the House appointed by the minority leader;
- (2) one individual who, at any time during the 5-year period which ends on the date of the individual’s appointment, is or was a parent of a page participating in the program;
- (3) one individual who is a former page of the House who is not a Member of the House or an individual described in paragraph (2); and
- (4) the Clerk and the Sergeant at Arms of the House.

(b) Special rules for members representing parents and former pages

In the case of the members of the Page Board who are described in paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (a), the following shall apply:

- (1) Each such member shall be appointed jointly by the Speaker and minority leader of the House of Representatives.
- (2) Each such member shall serve for a term of one year and may be reappointed for additional terms if the member continues to meet the requirements for appointment.
- (3) A vacancy in the position held by any such member shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the original term and may be reappointed in accordance with paragraph (2).
- (4) Each such member may be paid travel or transportation expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, for attending meetings of the Page Board while away from the member’s home or place of business. There are authorized to be appropriated from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives such sums as may be necessary for payments under this paragraph.

(c) “Member of the House” defined

As used in sections 88b-2 to 88b-4 of this title, the term “Member of the House” means a Representative in, and a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.

(Pub. L. 97-377, title I, § 127, Dec. 21, 1982, 96 Stat. 1914; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, § 204(37), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1735; Pub. L. 105-275, title I, § 101(a), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2438; Pub. L. 110-2, § 2, Feb. 2, 2007, 121 Stat. 4.)

CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 2 of House Resolution No. 611, Ninety-seventh Congress, Nov. 30, 1982, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 97-377.

AMENDMENTS

2007—Subsec. (a)(1), Pub. L. 110-2, § 2(a)(1), substituted “and two Members” for “and one Member”.

Subsec. (a)(2) to (4), Pub. L. 110-2, § 2(a)(2)–(4), added pars. (2) and (3) and redesignated former par. (2) as (4).

Subsecs. (b), (c), Pub. L. 110-2, § 2(b), added subsec. (b) and redesignated former subsec. (b) as (c).

1998—Subsec. (a)(3), Pub. L. 105-275 inserted “and” at end of par. (1), substituted a period for “; and” at end of par. (2), and struck out par. (3) which read as follows: “the Architect of the Capitol.”

1996—Subsec. (a)(2), Pub. L. 104-186 substituted “Clerk and the Sergeant” for “Clerk, Doorkeeper, and Sergeant”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2007 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 110-2 applicable with respect to the portion of the One Hundred Tenth Congress which begins after Feb. 2, 2007, and each succeeding Congress, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-2, set out as a note under section 88b-2 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-275, title I, § 101(b), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2438, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to the One Hundred Sixth Congress and each succeeding Congress.”

§ 88b-4. Regulations of Page Board

The Page Board shall have authority to prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out sections 88b-2 to 88b-4 of this title.

(Pub. L. 97-377, title I, § 127, Dec. 21, 1982, 96 Stat. 1914.)

CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 3 of House Resolution No. 611, Ninety-seventh Congress, Nov. 30, 1982, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 97-377.

§ 88b-5. Page residence hall and page meal plan**(a) Revolving fund; establishment within House contingent fund**

Effective at the beginning of the Ninety-eighth Congress and until otherwise provided by law, there is established a revolving fund within the contingent fund of the House of Representatives for the page residence hall and the page meal plan.

(b) Deposits in revolving fund; disbursements by Chief Administrative Officer of House

There shall be deposited in the revolving fund such amounts as may be received by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives with respect to lodging, meals, and related services furnished for congressional pages. Amounts so deposited shall be available for disbursement by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, as determined by the Clerk of the House of Rep-