

**(e) Contestee's brief; service on contestant**

Within thirty days of service of contestant's brief and appendix, contestee shall serve on contestant his printed brief of the facts and authorities relied on to establish his case together with his appendix.

**(f) Reply brief of contestant**

Within ten days after service of contestee's brief and appendix, contestant may serve on contestee a printed reply brief.

**(g) Form of briefs; number of copies served and filed**

The form and length of the briefs, the form of the appendixes, and the number of copies to be served and filed shall be in accordance with such rules as the committee may prescribe.

(Pub. L. 91-138, §13, Dec. 5, 1969, 83 Stat. 289.)

**§ 393. Filing of pleadings, motions, depositions, appendixes, briefs, and other papers**

(a) Filings of pleadings, motions, depositions, appendixes, briefs, and other papers shall be accomplished by:

(1) delivering a copy thereof to the Clerk of the House of Representatives at his office in Washington, District of Columbia, or to a member of his staff at such office; or

(2) mailing a copy thereof, by registered or certified mail, addressed to the Clerk at the House of Representatives, Washington, District of Columbia: *Provided*, That if such copy is not actually received, another copy shall be filed within a reasonable time; and

(3) delivering or mailing, simultaneously with the delivery or mailing of a copy thereof under paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, such additional copies as the committee may by rule prescribe.

(b) All papers filed with the Clerk pursuant to this chapter shall be promptly transmitted by him to the committee.

(Pub. L. 91-138, §14, Dec. 5, 1969, 83 Stat. 289.)

**§ 394. Computation of time****(a) Method of computing time**

In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by this chapter or by the rules or any order of the committee, the day of the act, event, or default after which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. The last day of the period so computed shall be included, unless it is a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday, in which event the period shall run until the end of the next day which is neither a Saturday, a Sunday, nor a legal holiday. When the period of time prescribed or allowed is less than seven days, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays shall be excluded in the computation. For the purposes of this chapter, "legal holiday" shall mean New Year's Day, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and any other day appointed as a holiday by the President or the Congress of the United States.

**(b) Service by mail**

Whenever a party has the right or is required to do some act or take some proceeding within

a prescribed period after the service of a pleading, motion, notice, brief, or other paper upon him, which is served upon him by mail, three days shall be added to the prescribed period.

**(c) Enlargement of time**

When by this chapter or by the rules or any order of the committee an act is required or allowed to be done at or within a specified time, the committee, for good cause shown, may at any time in its discretion (1) with or without motion or notice, order the period enlarged if request therefor is made before the expiration of the period originally prescribed or as extended by a previous order, or (2) upon motion made after the expiration of the specified period, permit the act to be done where the failure to act was the result of excusable neglect, but it shall not extend the time for serving and filing the notice of contest under section 382 of this title.

(Pub. L. 91-138, §15, Dec. 5, 1969, 83 Stat. 290.)

**§ 395. Death of contestant**

In the event of the death of the contestant, the contested election case shall abate.

(Pub. L. 91-138, §16, Dec. 5, 1969, 83 Stat. 290.)

**§ 396. Allowance of party's expenses**

The committee may allow any party reimbursement from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives of his reasonable expenses of the contested election case, including reasonable attorneys fees, upon the verified application of such party accompanied by a complete and detailed account of his expenses and supporting vouchers and receipts.

(Pub. L. 91-138, §17, Dec. 5, 1969, 83 Stat. 290; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §211(4), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1744.)

## AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 substituted "applicable accounts" for "contingent fund".

**CHAPTER 13—JOINT COMMITTEE ON CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS****§§ 411 to 417. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-186, title II, § 212(1)(A), (2), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1745**

Section 411, Pub. L. 91-510, title IV, §401, Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1187, created a 10-member Joint Committee on Congressional Operations.

Section 412, Pub. L. 91-510, title IV, §402, Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1187, enumerated duties of Joint Committee.

Section 412a, based on H. Res. No. 988, §206, Ninety-third Congress, Oct. 8, 1974, enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 93-554, title I, ch. III, §101, Dec. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 1777, related to continuing study of jurisdiction of House standing committees by House members of Joint Committee, periodic report to House Committee on Rules, and contents and purposes of such report.

Section 413, Pub. L. 91-510, title IV, §403, Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1188, related to powers of Joint Committee, including rulemaking, issuing subpoenas, and administering oaths.

Section 414, Pub. L. 91-510, title IV, §404, Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1188, authorized Joint Committee to appoint and manage professional staff members and to utilize Government services, personnel, consultants, and experts.

Section 415, Pub. L. 91-510, title IV, §405, Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1188, related to records of Joint Committee.