

SUBCHAPTER II—HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES

**§ 4311. Approval of employment and compensation of committee employees by House standing committees**

Standing committees of the House shall have authority to approve the employment and compensation of committee employees (other than special and select committee employees) from the effective date of the beginning of each Congress, or such subsequent date as their service commenced.

(Pub. L. 87-130, §103, Aug. 10, 1961, 75 Stat. 334.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 72a-1b of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is based on House Resolution No. 16, Eighty-seventh Congress, Jan. 3, 1961, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 87-130.

INCREASES IN COMPENSATION

Increases in compensation for House officers and employees under authority of Federal Salary Act of 1967 (Pub. L. 90-206), Federal Pay Comparability Act of 1970 (Pub. L. 91-656), and Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1988 (Pub. L. 100-202), see sections 4531 and 4532 of this title, and Salary Directives of Speaker of the House, set out as notes under those sections.

**§ 4312. Regulations governing availability of appropriations for House committee employees**

Appropriations for committee employees shall be available in such amounts and under such regulations as may be approved by the Committee on House Oversight for compensation of employees of the standing committees of the House of Representatives, except the Committee on Appropriations.

(July 17, 1947, ch. 262, 61 Stat. 367; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §204(12), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1731.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 72b of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 substituted “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.

**§ 4313. Adjustment of House of Representatives allowances by Committee on House Oversight**

**(a) In general**

Subject to the provision of law specified in subsection (b), the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives may, by order of the Committee, fix and adjust the amounts, terms, and conditions of, and other matters relating to, allowances of the House of Representatives within the following categories:

(1) For Members of the House of Representatives, the Members’ Representational Allowance, including all aspects of official mail within the jurisdiction of the Committee under section 503 of this title.

(2) For committees, the Speaker, the Majority and Minority Leaders, the Clerk, the Sergeant at Arms, and the Chief Administrative Officer, allowances for official mail (including all aspects of official mail within the jurisdiction of the Committee under section 503 of this title), stationery, and telephone and telegraph and other communications.

**(b) Provision specified**

The provision of law referred to in subsection (a) is section 4314 of this title.

**(c) “Member of the House of Representatives” defined**

As used in this section, the term “Member of the House of Representatives” means a Representative in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.

(Pub. L. 92-184, ch. IV, Dec. 15, 1971, 85 Stat. 636; Pub. L. 104-186, title I, §102, Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1719; Pub. L. 106-57, title I, §103(a)(4)(A), Sept. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 415.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 57 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is based on House Resolution No. 457, Ninety-second Congress, July 21, 1971, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 92-184.

AMENDMENTS

1999—Subsec. (a)(1), (2). Pub. L. 106-57 substituted “all aspects of official mail” for “all aspects of the Official Mail Allowance”.

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section consisted of subssecs. (a) and (b) authorizing Committee on House Administration to adjust certain allowances for Members, committees, and officers of House of Representatives.

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.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1999 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-57, title I, §103(c), Sept. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 416, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 503 and 5321 of this title] shall apply with respect to the first session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress and each succeeding session of Congress.”

CLERK HIRE ALLOWANCE; INCREASE

Pub. L. 101-520, title I, §104, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 2262, effective for 102d Congress, increased authorization for the Clerk Hire Allowance by \$50,000.

**§ 4314. Limitation on allowance authority of Committee on House Oversight**

**(a) In general**

An order under the provision of law specified in subsection (c) may fix or adjust the allowances of the House of Representatives only by reason of—

(1) a change in the price of materials, services, or office space;