

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;

(2) a technological change or other improvement in office equipment; or

(3) an increase under section 5303 of title 5 in rates of pay under the General Schedule.

**(b) Resolution requirement**

In the case of reasons other than the reasons specified in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (a), the fixing and adjustment of the allowances of the House of Representatives in the categories described in the provision of law specified in subsection (c) may be carried out only by resolution of the House of Representatives.

**(c) Provision specified**

The provision of law referred to in subsections (a) and (b) is section 4313 of this title.

(Pub. L. 94-440, title II, §101, Oct. 1, 1976, 90 Stat. 1448; Pub. L. 104-186, title I, §103, Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1720.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The General Schedule, referred to in subsec. (a)(3), is set out under section 5332 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

CODIFICATION

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

Section is based on House Resolution No. 1372, §1, Ninety-fourth Congress, July 1, 1976, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 94-440.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section consisted of subsecs. (a) and (b) relating to limitations on authority of the Committee on House Administration to fix and adjust allowances.

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.

**§ 4315. Overtime pay for FBI employees detailed to House Committee on Appropriations**

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, notwithstanding any other provision of law, may in any fiscal year pay all administrative uncontrollable overtime accrued by its employees while on detail to the Committee on Appropriations.

(Pub. L. 103-283, title I, July 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 1430.)

CODIFICATION

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

SUBCHAPTER III—SENATE

**§ 4331. Computation of compensation for stenographic assistance of committees payable from Senate contingent fund**

Compensation for stenographic assistance of committees paid out of the items under “Contingent Expenses of the Senate” on and after June 27, 1956 shall be computed at such rates and in accordance with such regulations as may be prescribed by the Committee on Rules and Administration, notwithstanding, and without regard to any other provision of law.

(June 27, 1956, ch. 453, 70 Stat. 360.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 68c of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

**§ 4332. Assistance to Senators with committee memberships by employees in office of Senator**

**(1) Designation**

A Senator may designate employees in his office to assist him in connection with his membership on committees of the Senate. An employee may be designated with respect to only one committee.

**(2) Certification; professional staff privileges**

An employee designated by a Senator under this section shall be certified by him to the chairman and ranking minority member of the committee with respect to which such designation is made. Such employee shall be accorded all privileges of a professional staff member (whether permanent or investigatory) of such committee including access to all committee sessions and files, except that any such committee may restrict access to its sessions to one staff member per Senator at a time and require, if classified material is being handled or discussed, that any staff member possess the appropriate security clearance before being allowed access to such material or to discussion of it. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit a committee from adopting policies and practices with respect to the application of this section which are similar to the policies and practices adopted with respect to the application of section 705(c)(1)<sup>1</sup> of Senate Resolution 4, 95th Congress, and section 72a-1d(c)(1)<sup>1</sup> of this title.

**(3) Termination**

A Senator shall notify the chairman and ranking minority member of a committee whenever a designation of an employee under this section with respect to such committee is terminated.

(Pub. L. 95-94, title I, §111(c), Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 662.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 705(c)(1) of Senate Resolution 4, 95th Congress, referred to in par. (2), which was not classified to the Code, was repealed by Pub. L. 95-94, title I, §111(e)(2), Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 663.

Section 72a-1d(c)(1) of this title, referred to in par. (2), was repealed by Pub. L. 95-94, title I, §111(e)(1), Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 663.

CODIFICATION

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

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriation Act, 1978, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1978.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 95-94, title I, §111(f), Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 663, provided that: “This section, and the amendments

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.