

§ 5505. Payments from applicable accounts of House of Representatives

(a) In general

No payment may be made from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives (as determined by the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives), unless sanctioned by that Committee. Payments on vouchers approved in the manner directed by that Committee shall be deemed, held, and taken, and are declared to be conclusive upon all the departments and officers of the Government.

(b) Definitions

As used in this section—

(1) the term “applicable accounts of the House of Representatives” means accounts for salaries and expenses of committees (other than the Committee on Appropriations), the computer support organization of the House of Representatives, and allowances and expenses of Members of the House of Representatives, officers of the House of Representatives, and administrative and support offices of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the term “Member of the House of Representatives” means a Representative in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.

(Pub. L. 104-186, title I, §105, Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1721.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 95-1 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is comprised of section 105 of Pub. L. 104-186. Subsec. (c) of section 105 of Pub. L. 104-186 amended former section 95 of this title.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in former section 95 of this title prior to amendment of that section by Pub. L. 104-186, title I, §105(c), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1722.

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.

§ 5506. Appropriations for expenses of House; restrictions

Appropriations made for expenses of the House of Representatives shall not be used for the payment of personal services except upon the express and specific authorization of the House in whose behalf such services are rendered. Nor shall such appropriations be used for any expenses not intimately and directly connected with the routine legislative business of the House of Representatives, and the Government Accountability Office shall apply the provisions of this section in the settlement of the accounts of expenditures from said appropriations incurred for services or materials.

(Feb. 14, 1902, ch. 17, §1, 32 Stat. 26; June 10, 1921, ch. 18, title III, §304, 42 Stat. 24; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §204(45), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1737; Pub. L. 108-271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 95a of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section. Section was also formerly classified to section 671 of Title 31 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 31, Money and Finance, by Pub. L. 97-258, §1, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 877.

Section is based on provisions of proviso on 32 Stat. 26, act of Feb. 14, 1902, ch. 17, the Urgent Deficiency Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1902, relating to appropriations for contingent expenses of House of Representatives. Provisions of proviso relating to appropriations for expenses of Senate are classified to section 6505 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 substituted “expenses of the House” for “contingent expenses of the House”.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

“Government Accountability Office” substituted in text for “General Accounting Office” pursuant to section 8 of Pub. L. 108-271, set out as a note under section 702 of Title 31, Money and Finance, which redesignated the General Accounting Office and any references thereto as the Government Accountability Office. Previously, “General Accounting Office” substituted in text for “accounting officers of the Treasury” pursuant to act June 10, 1921, which transferred powers and duties of Comptroller, six auditors, and certain other employees of the Treasury to General Accounting Office. See section 701 et seq. of Title 31.

§ 5507. Transfers of amounts appropriated for House

(a) Transfers among categories of allowances and expenses

Amounts appropriated for any fiscal year for the House of Representatives under the heading “ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES” may be transferred among and merged with the various categories of allowances and expenses under such heading, effective upon the expiration of the 21-day period (or such alternative period that may be imposed by the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives) which begins on the date such Committee has been notified of the transfer.

(b) Transfers among offices and activities

Amounts appropriated for any fiscal year for the House of Representatives under the heading “SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES” may be transferred among and merged with the various offices and activities under such heading, effective upon the expiration of the 21-day period (or such alternative period that may be imposed by the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives) which begins on the date such Committee has been notified of the transfer.

(c) Transfers among various appropriations headings

(1) Amounts appropriated for any fiscal year for the House of Representatives under the headings specified in paragraph (2) may be transferred among and merged with such headings, effective upon the expiration of the 21-day period (or such alternative period that may be imposed by the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives) which begins on the date such Committee has been notified of the transfer.