

**§ 2002. Acquisition of buildings and facilities for use in emergency situation**

**(a) Acquisition of buildings and facilities**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in order to respond to an emergency situation, the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives may acquire buildings and facilities, subject to the availability of appropriations, for the use of the House of Representatives by lease, purchase, or such other arrangement as the Chief Administrative Officer considers appropriate (including a memorandum of understanding with the head of an executive agency, as defined in section 105 of title 5, in the case of a building or facility under the control of such Agency), subject to the approval of the House Office Building Commission.

**(b) Agreements**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for purposes of carrying out subsection (a), the Chief Administrative Officer may carry out such activities and enter into such agreements related to the use of any building or facility acquired pursuant to such subsection as the Chief Administrative Officer considers appropriate, including—

(1) agreements with the United States Capitol Police or any other entity relating to the policing of such building or facility; and

(2) agreements with the Architect of the Capitol or any other entity relating to the care and maintenance of such building or facility.

**(c) Authority of Capitol Police and Architect**

**(1) Architect of the Capitol**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Architect of the Capitol may take any action necessary to carry out an agreement entered into with the Chief Administrative Officer pursuant to subsection (b).

**(2) Omitted**

**(d) Transfer of certain funds**

Subject to the approval of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, the Architect of the Capitol may transfer to the Chief Administrative Officer amounts made available to the Architect for necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the House office buildings during a fiscal year in order to cover any portion of the costs incurred by the Chief Administrative Officer during the year in acquiring a building or facility pursuant to subsection (a).

**(e) Effective date**

This section and the amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2002 and each succeeding fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 107-117, div. B, §903, Jan. 10, 2002, 115 Stat. 2317; Pub. L. 107-206, title I, §903(a)(1), Aug. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 876.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For the amendments made by this section, referred to in subsec. (e), see Codification note below.

CODIFICATION

Section was classified to section 175a of former Title 40, prior to the enactment of Title 40, Public Buildings,

Property, and Works, by Pub. L. 107-217, §1, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1062.

Section is comprised of section 903 of Pub. L. 107-117. Subsec. (c)(2) of section 903 of Pub. L. 107-117 amended section 1961 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-206 substituted “buildings and facilities, subject to the availability of appropriations,” for “buildings and facilities”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 107-206, title I, §903(c), Aug. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 876, provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section and section 1961 of this title] shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the Emergency Supplemental Act, 2002 [Pub. L. 107-117, div. B].”

**§ 2003. Speaker as member of House Office Building commission**

The Speaker shall continue a member of the commission in control of said building until his successor as Speaker is elected or his term as a Representative in Congress shall have expired.

(Mar. 4, 1911, ch. 240, 36 Stat. 1306.)

CODIFICATION

Section was classified to section 176 of former Title 40, prior to the enactment of Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, by Pub. L. 107-217, §1, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1062.

Section is based on act Mar. 4, 1911, popularly known as the “Deficiency Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1911”.

**§ 2004. Assignment of rooms in House Office Building**

The assignment of rooms in the House Office Building, made prior to May 28, 1908, by resolution or order of the House of Representatives, shall continue in force until modified or changed in accordance with the provisions of sections 2004 to 2011 of this title, and the room so assigned to any Representative shall continue to be held by such Representative as his individual office room so long as he shall remain a Member or Member-elect of the House of Representatives, or until he shall relinquish the same, subject, however, to the provisions of said sections, and no Representative shall allow his office room to be used for any other purpose.

(May 28, 1908, No. 30, 35 Stat. 578.)

CODIFICATION

Section was classified to section 177 of former Title 40, prior to the enactment of Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, by Pub. L. 107-217, §1, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1062.

**§ 2005. Vacant rooms; assignment to Representatives**

Any Member or Member-elect of the House of Representatives may file with the Architect of the Capitol a request in writing that any individual office room be assigned to him whenever it shall become vacant. If only one such request has been made for any room which shall at any time have become vacant, the room shall be assigned as requested. If two or more requests are made for the same vacant room, preference shall be given to the Representative making the request who has been longest in continuous serv-