

Congressional Accessibility Services, or to otherwise assist the Director in the administration and management of the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services.

**(3) Semiannual reports**

The Director of Accessibility Services shall submit a report to the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives not later than 45 days following the close of each semiannual period ending on March 31 or September 30 of each year on the financial and operational status during the period of each function under the jurisdiction of the Director. Each such report shall include financial statements and a description or explanation of current operations, the implementation of new policies and procedures, and future plans for each function.

(Pub. L. 101–163, title III, §310, Nov. 21, 1989, 103 Stat. 1065; Pub. L. 104–53, title I, §112, Nov. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 525; Pub. L. 110–437, title IV, §411(a), Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4993.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 130e of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1990.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110–437 amended section generally, substituting provisions relating to Office of Congressional Accessibility Services for provisions relating to Special Services Office.

1995—Pub. L. 104–53 substituted “Sergeant at Arms” for “Clerk” after “comprised of the” and “Architect of the Capitol” for “Librarian of Congress”.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of contracts, liabilities, records, property, appropriations, other assets and interests, and employees of the Congressional Special Services Office of Capitol Guide Service to the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services, see section 2252 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER VIII—MISCELLANEOUS

**§ 2181. Assignment of space for meetings of joint committees, conference committees, etc.**

The President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall cause a survey to be made of available space within the Capitol which could be utilized for joint committee meetings, meetings of conference committees, and other meetings, requiring the attendance of both Senators and Members of the House of Representatives; and shall recommend the reassignment of such space to accommodate such meetings.

(Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title II, §242, 60 Stat. 839.)

CODIFICATION

Section was classified to section 174d–1 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.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Aug. 2, 1946, see section 245 of act Aug. 2, 1946, set out as a note under section 4301 of this title.

**§ 2182. Use of space formerly occupied by Library of Congress**

The rooms and space recently occupied by the Library of Congress in the Capitol building shall be divided into three stories, the third story of which shall be fitted up and used for a reference library for the Senate and House of Representatives, and that portion of the other two stories north of a line drawn east and west through the center of the Rotunda shall be used for such purpose as may be designated by the Senate of the United States, and that portion of the first and second stories south of said line shall be used for such purpose as may be designated by the House of Representatives.

(June 6, 1900, No. 33, 31 Stat. 719.)

CODIFICATION

Section was classified to section 190b 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.

**§ 2183. Protection of buildings and property**

The Sergeants at Arms of the Senate and of the House of Representatives are authorized to make such regulations as they may deem necessary for preserving the peace and securing the Capitol from defacement, and for the protection of the public property therein, and they shall have power to arrest and detain any person violating such regulations, until such person can be brought before the proper authorities for trial.

(R.S. §1820.)

CODIFICATION

Section was classified to section 193 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.

R.S. §1820 derived from acts Mar. 30, 1867, ch. 20, §2, 15 Stat. 12; Apr. 29, 1876, ch. 86, 19 Stat. 41.

**§ 2184. Purchase of furniture or carpets for House or Senate**

No furniture or carpets for either House shall be purchased without the written order of the chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration, for the Senate, or without the written order of the chairman of the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives, for the House of Representatives.

(R.S. §1816; Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title I, §102, title II, §224, 60 Stat. 814, 838; Pub. L. 104–186, title II, §221(2), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1748.)

CODIFICATION

Section was classified to section 170 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.

R.S. §1816 derived from Res. Apr. 16, 1862, No. 28, 12 Stat. 617; acts Mar. 30, 1867, ch. 24, §2, 15 Stat. 13; July 20, 1868, ch. 177, §1, 15 Stat. 115; Mar. 3, 1869, ch. 121, §1, 15 Stat. 283, 284; Mar. 3, 1871, ch. 114, §1, 16 Stat. 500; Aug. 15, 1876, ch. 287, 19 Stat. 147.

Provision of R.S. §1816 relating to repairs of Capitol is classified to section 1814 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104–186 substituted “House Oversight of the House of Representatives, for the House of Rep-

representatives” for “Accounts of the House of Representatives, for the House”.

1946—Act Aug. 2, 1946, substituted “Committee on Rules and Administration” for “Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate”.

#### 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 1946 AMENDMENT

Act Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title I, §142, 60 Stat. 834, provided that section 102 of that act shall take effect on Jan. 2, 1947, and section 245 of title II of that act, 60 Stat. 839, provided that section 224 thereof shall “take effect on the day on which the Eightieth Congress convenes”. The Eightieth Congress convened on Jan. 3, 1947.

### § 2185. Estimates for improvements in grounds

All changes and improvements in the Capitol grounds, including approaches to the Capitol, shall be estimated for in detail, showing what modifications are proposed and the estimate cost of the same.

(Mar. 3, 1883, ch. 143, 22 Stat. 621.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was classified to section 173 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. 3, 1883, popularly known as the “Sundry Civil Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1884”.

#### SIMILAR PROVISIONS

Enlargement of the Capitol grounds by the acquisition of certain squares in the city of Washington, provided by the following Sundry Civil Appropriation Acts for the fiscal years 1911, 1912, 1913, and 1914.

June 23, 1913, ch. 3, 38 Stat. 44.

Aug. 24, 1912, ch. 355, 37 Stat. 454.

Mar. 4, 1911, ch. 285, 36 Stat. 1414.

June 25, 1910, ch. 384, 36 Stat. 738.

### § 2186. Square 580 landscape maintenance

For fiscal year 2016 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Architect of the Capitol, in consultation with the District of Columbia, is authorized to maintain and improve the landscape features, excluding streets, in Square 580 up to the beginning of I-395.

(Pub. L. 114-113, div. I, title II, §206, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2672.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation act:

Pub. L. 113-235, div. H, title II, §206, Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2542.

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### SUBCHAPTER I—IN GENERAL

## § 2201. Designation of facility as Capitol Visitor Center; purposes of facility; treatment of the Capitol Visitor Center

### (a) Designation

The facility authorized for construction under the heading “Capitol Visitor Center” under chapter 5 of title II of division B of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105-277; 112 Stat. 2681-569) is designated as the Capitol Visitor Center and is a part of the Capitol.

### (b) Purposes of the facility

The Capitol Visitor Center shall be used—

(1) to provide enhanced security for persons working in or visiting the United States Capitol;

(2) to improve the visitor experience by providing a structure that will afford improved visitor orientation and enhance the educational experience of those who have come to learn about the Congress and the Capitol; and

(3) for other purposes as determined by Congress or the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

### (c) Treatment of the Capitol Visitor Center

#### (1) Oversight

The Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on