

(1) appoint, hire, and fix the compensation of such personnel as may be necessary for operations of the Office, except that no employee may be paid at an annual rate in excess of the maximum rate payable for level 15 of the General Schedule;

(2) disburse funds as may be necessary and available for the needs of the Office (consistent with the requirements of section 2233 of this title in the case of amounts in the Capitol Visitor Center Revolving Fund); and

(3) designate an employee of the Office to serve as contracting officer for the Office, subject to subsection (c).

(c) Requiring approval of certain contracts

The Architect of the Capitol may not enter into a contract for the operations of the Capitol Visitor Center for which the amount involved exceeds \$250,000 without the prior approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

(d) Semiannual reports

The Chief Executive Officer 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 Chief Executive Officer. 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. 110-437, title II, §203, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4987.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsecs. (a)(1) and (b), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 110-437, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4983, known as the Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2201 of this title and Tables.

The General Schedule, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), is set out under section 5332 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 2214. Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer

(a) In general

The Architect of the Capitol shall—

(1) upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, appoint an assistant who shall perform the responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer during the absence or disability of the Chief Executive Officer, or during a vacancy in the position of the Chief Executive Officer; and

(2) notwithstanding section 2213(b)(1) of this title, fix the rate of basic pay for the position of the assistant appointed under subparagraph (A)¹ at a rate not to exceed the highest total rate of pay for the Senior Executive Service

¹So in original. Probably should be a reference to paragraph (1).

under subchapter VIII of chapter 53 of title 5 for the locality involved.

(b) Transition for current Assistant Chief Executive Officer

(1) Appointment

The individual who serves as the assistant under section 1807 of this title as of October 20, 2008, shall be the first Assistant Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services appointed by the Architect under this section.

(2) Omitted

(Pub. L. 110-437, title II, §204, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4988.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1807 of this title, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), was repealed by Pub. L. 110-437, title II, §204(b)(2), Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4988.

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 204 of Pub. L. 110-437. Subsec. (b)(2) of section 204 of Pub. L. 110-437 repealed section 1807 of this title.

§ 2215. Gift Shop

(a) Establishment

The Architect of the Capitol, acting through the Chief Executive Officer, shall establish a Capitol Visitor Center Gift Shop within the Capitol Visitor Center for the purpose of providing for the sale of gift items. All moneys received from sales and other services by the Capitol Visitor Center Gift Shop shall be deposited in the Capitol Visitor Center Revolving Fund established under section 2231 of this title and shall be available for purposes of this section.

(b) Exception to prohibition of sale or solicitation on Capitol grounds

Section 5104(c) of title 40 shall not apply to any activity carried out under this section.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title II, §205, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4988.)

§ 2216. Food service operations

(a) Restaurant, catering, and vending

The Architect of the Capitol, acting through the Chief Executive Officer, shall establish within the Capitol Visitor Center a restaurant and other food service facilities, including catering services and vending machines.

(b) Contract for food service operations

(1) In general

The Architect of the Capitol, acting through the Chief Executive Officer, may enter into a contract for food service operations within the Capitol Visitor Center.

(2) Existing contract unaffected

Nothing in paragraph (1) shall be construed to affect any contract for food service operations within the Capitol Visitor Center in effect on October 20, 2008.

(c) Deposits

All net profits from the food service operations within the Capitol Visitor Center and all commissions received from the contractor for

such food service operations shall be deposited in the Capitol Visitor Center Revolving Fund established under section 2231 of this title.

(d) Exception to prohibition of sale or solicitation on Capitol grounds

Section 5104(c) of title 40 shall not apply to any activity carried out under this section.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title II, §206, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4988.)

SUBCHAPTER III—CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER REVOLVING FUND

§ 2231. Establishment and accounts

There is established in the Treasury of the United States a revolving fund to be known as the Capitol Visitor Center Revolving Fund (in this section referred to as the “Fund”), consisting of the following individual accounts:

- (1) The Gift Shop Account.
- (2) The Miscellaneous Receipts Account.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title III, §301, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4989.)

§ 2232. Deposits in the Fund

(a) Gift Shop Account

There shall be deposited in the Gift Shop Account all monies received from sales and other services by the gift shop established under section 2215 of this title, together with any interest accrued on balances in the Account.

(b) Miscellaneous Receipts Account

There shall be deposited in the Miscellaneous Receipts Account each of the following (together with any interest accrued on balances in the Account):

- (1) Any amounts deposited under section 2216(c) of this title.
- (2) Any other receipts received from the operation of the Capitol Visitor Center.
- (3) Any amounts described under section 2273(d) of this title.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title III, §302, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4989.)

§ 2233. Use of monies

(a) Gift Shop Account

(1) In general

All monies in the Gift Shop Account shall be available without fiscal year limitation for disbursement by the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, in connection with the operation of the gift shop under section 2215 of this title, including supplies, inventories, equipment, and other expenses. In addition, such monies may be used by the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, to reimburse any applicable appropriations account for amounts used from such appropriations account to pay the salaries of employees of the gift shops.

(2) Use of remaining funds

To the extent monies in the Gift Shop Account are available after disbursements and reimbursements are made under paragraph (1),

the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, may disburse such monies for the operation of the Capitol Visitor Center, after consultation with—

(A) the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives; and

(B) the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate.

(b) Miscellaneous Receipts Account

All monies in the Miscellaneous Receipts Account shall be available without fiscal year limitation for disbursement by the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, for the operations of the Capitol Visitor Center, after consultation with—

(1) the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title III, §303, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4989.)

§ 2234. Administration of Fund

(a) Disbursements

Disbursements from the Fund may be made by the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer.

(b) Investment authority

The Secretary of the Treasury shall invest any portion of the Fund that, as determined by the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, is not required to meet current expenses. Each investment shall be made in an interest-bearing obligation of the United States or an obligation guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the United States that, as determined by the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, has a maturity date suitable for the purposes of the Fund. The Secretary of the Treasury shall credit interest earned on the obligations to the Fund.

(c) Audit

The Fund shall be subject to audit by the Comptroller General at the discretion of the Comptroller General.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title III, §304, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4990.)

SUBCHAPTER IV—CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE AND OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

PART A—CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE

§ 2241. Transfer of Capitol Guide Service

(a) Transfer of authorities and personnel to Office of the Capitol Visitor Center

In accordance with the provisions of this subchapter, effective on the transfer date—

- (1) the Capitol Guide Service shall be an office within the Office;