

## AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 104-197 substituted “, telephone services, and stationery” for “and telephone services”.

## SENATORS’ OFFICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT

References in any law, rule, regulation, or order to Senate appropriation account for Administrative, Clerical, and Legislative Assistance Allowance to Senators deemed references to the “Senators’ Official Personnel and Office Expense Account”, see section 6313(2) of this title.

**§ 6312. Clerks to Senators-elect**

A Senator entitled to receive his own salary may appoint the usual clerical assistants allowed Senators.

(Mar. 2, 1895, ch. 177, § 1, 28 Stat. 766; Feb. 20, 1923, ch. 98, 42 Stat. 1266; June 19, 1934, ch. 648, title I, § 1, 48 Stat. 1022.)

## CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 67 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

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1934—Act June 19, 1934, struck out provisions as to maximum of four clerical assistants and as to their compensation.

**§ 6313. Senators’ Official Personnel and Office Expense Account**

(1) Effective January 1, 1988, there shall be, within the contingent fund of the Senate, a separate appropriation account to be known as the “Senators’ Official Personnel and Office Expense Account” (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “Senators’ Account”).

(2) The Senators’ Account shall be used for the funding of all items, activities, and expenses which, immediately prior to January 1, 1988, were funded under either (A) the Senate appropriation account for “Administrative, Clerical, and Legislative Assistance Allowance to Senators” (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “Senators’ Clerk Hire Allowance Account”) under the headings “SENATE” and “Salaries, Officers and Employees”, or (B) that part of the account, within the contingent fund of the Senate, for “Miscellaneous Items” (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “Senators’ Official Office Expense Account”) which is available for allocation to Senatorial Official Office Expense Accounts. In addition, the Senators’ Account shall be used for the funding of agency contributions payable with respect to compensation payable by such account, but moneys appropriated to such account for this purpose shall not be available for any other purpose. The account, which in clause (A) of the first sentence of this paragraph is identified as the “Senators’ Clerk Hire Allowance Account” and the account, which in clause (B) of such sentence is identified as the “Senators’ Official Office Expense Account” shall, when referred to in other law, rule, regulation, or order (whether referred to by such name or any other) shall on and after January 1, 1988, be deemed to refer to the “Senators’ Official Personnel and Office Expense Account”.

(3)(A) Effective on January 1, 1988, there shall be transferred to the Senators’ Account from the Senators’ Clerk Hire Allowance Account all funds therein which were available for expenditure or obligation during the fiscal year ending September 30, 1988, and from the Senators’ Official Office Expense Account so much of the funds therein as was available for expenditure or obligation for the period commencing January 1, 1988, and ending September 30, 1988; except that the Senators’ Official Office Expense Account shall remain in being solely for the purpose of being available to pay for any authorized item, activity, or expense, for which funds therein had been obligated, but not paid, prior to such transfer.

(B) Any of the funds transferred to the Senators’ Account from the Senators’ Clerk Hire Allowance Account pursuant to subparagraph (A) which, prior to such transfer, had been obligated, but not expended, for any authorized item, activity, or expense, shall be available to pay for such item, activity, or expense in like manner as if such transfer had not been made.

(4) On January 1, 1988, there shall be transferred to the Senators’ Account, from the appropriation account for “Agency Contributions”, under the headings “SENATE” and “Salaries, Officers and Employees”, so much of the moneys in such account as was appropriated for the purpose of making agency contributions for administrative, clerical, and legislative assistance to Senators with respect to compensation payable for the period commencing January 1, 1988, and ending September 30, 1988; and the moneys so transferred shall be available only for the payment of such agency contributions with respect to such compensation.

(5) Vouchers shall not be required for the disbursement, from the Senators’ Account, of salaries of employees in the office of a Senator.

(6) Effective on and after October 1, 1997, the Senators’ Account shall be available for the payment of franked mail expenses of Senators.

(Pub. L. 100-137, § 1(a), Oct. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 814; Pub. L. 105-55, title I, § 3(b), Oct. 7, 1997, 111 Stat. 1180.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This section, referred to in pars. (1) and (2), means section 1 of Pub. L. 100-137, Oct. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 814, which enacted this section, amended sections 4575 and 6314 of this title, and enacted provisions set out as notes under sections 4575 and 6314 of this title.

## CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 58c of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

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1997—Par. (6). Pub. L. 105-55 added par. (6).

## CONSTRUCTION OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-55, title I, § 3(d), Oct. 7, 1997, 111 Stat. 1180, provided that: “Nothing in this section [amending this section and section 6314 of this title, repealing section 58c-1 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under section 6314 and former section 58c-1 of this title] affects the authority of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate to prescribe regulations relating to the frank by Senators and officers of the Senate.”

**§ 6314. Mail, telegraph, telephone, stationery, office supplies, and home State office and travel expenses for Senators**

**(a) Authorization for payment from Senate contingent fund**

The contingent fund of the Senate is made available for payment (including reimbursement) to or on behalf of each Senator, upon certification of the Senator, for the following expenses incurred by the Senator and his staff:

(1) telecommunications equipment and services subject to such regulations as may be promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate;

(2)(A) stationery and other office supplies procured for use for official business, and

(B) metered charges for use of copying equipment provided by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate;

(3)[(A) Repealed. Pub. L. 101-520, title I, §11, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 2260] (B) postage on, and fees and charges in connection with official mail matter sent through the mail other than the franking privilege upon certification by the Senate Sergeant at Arms and subject to such regulations as may be promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration, and (C) costs incurred in the preparation of required official reports, and the acquisition of mailing lists to be used for official purposes, and in the mailing, delivery, or transmitting of matters relating to official business;

(4) official office expenses incurred (other than for equipment and furniture and expenses described in paragraphs (1) through (3)) for an office in his home State;

(5) expenses incurred for publications printed or recorded in any way for auditory and visual use (including subscriptions to books, newspapers, magazines, clipping, and other information services);

(6) subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, reimbursement of travel expenses incurred by the Senator and employees in his office;

(7) expenses incurred for additional office equipment and services related thereto (but not including personal services), in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate;

(8) charges officially incurred for recording and photographic services and products; and

(9) such other official expenses as the Senator determines to be necessary.

Payment under this section shall be made only upon presentation of itemized vouchers for expenses incurred and, in the case of expenses paid or reimbursed under paragraphs (6) and (9), only upon presentation of detailed itemized vouchers for such expenses. Vouchers presented for payment under this section shall be accompanied by such documentation as is required under regulations promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate. No payment shall be made under paragraph (4) or (9) for any expense incurred for entertainment or meals.

**(b) Limits for authorized expenses; recalculation formula**

(1)(A) Except as is otherwise provided in the succeeding paragraphs of this subsection and

subject to subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, the total amount of expenses authorized to be paid to or on behalf of a Senator under this section shall not exceed for calendar year 1977 or any calendar year thereafter an amount equal to one-half of the sum of the amounts authorized to be paid under this section on the day before August 5, 1977, to or on behalf of both of the Senators from the State which he represents, increased by an amount equal to twenty percent thereof and rounded to the next higher multiple of \$1,000.

(B) In the event that the term of office of a Senator begins after the first month of any such calendar year or ends (except by reason of death, resignation, or expulsion) before the last month of any such calendar year, the aggregate amount available to such Senator for such year shall be the aggregate amount computed under paragraph (1) of this subsection, divided by 12, and multiplied by the number of months in such year which are included in the Senator's term of office, counting any fraction of a month as a full month.

(2)(A) In the case of the period which commences January 1, 1988, and ends September 30, 1988, the total of—

(i) the expenses paid to or on behalf of a Senator under this section for such period, plus

(ii) the aggregate amount of gross compensation which is paid to employees in the office of such Senator for such period (as determined for purposes of section 4575(d) of this title),

shall not exceed the aggregate of—

(iii) subject to subparagraph (B), an amount equal to 75 percent of the amount of the authorized expenses under this section for the calendar year ending December 31, 1987, as determined in the case of a Senator, who represents the State which such Senator represents, whose term of office included all of such calendar year, plus

(iv) the amount by which (I) the aggregate of the gross compensation which may be paid to employees in the office of such Senator for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1988, pursuant to the limitations imposed by section 4575(d) of this title (as determined without regard to paragraph (1)(B) thereof), exceeds (II) the aggregate amount of gross compensation which is paid to employees in the office of such Senator for that part of such fiscal year which precedes January 1, 1988.

(B) In the event that the term of office of a Senator begins after the first month of the period which commences January 1, 1988, and ends September 30, 1988, or ends (except by reason of death, resignation, or expulsion) before the last month of such period, the amount computed pursuant to subparagraph (A)(iii) of this paragraph (but before application of this subparagraph) shall be recalculated as follows: such amount, as computed under subparagraph (A)(iii) of this paragraph, shall be divided by 9, and multiplied by the number of months in such period which are included in the Senator's term of office, counting any fraction of a month as a full month.

(3)(A) In the case of the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1988, or any fiscal year thereafter, the total of—