

legal interests of the United States in civil or criminal cases arising under the provisions of the Act of June 15, 1950 [48 U.S.C. 644a], or under the provisions of section 3 of this order.

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#### § 1459. Expenditures of department

The Secretary of the Interior shall sign all requisitions for the advance or payment of money, out of the Treasury, upon estimates or accounts for expenditures upon business assigned by law to his department; subject, however, to adjustment and control by the Government Accountability Office.

(R.S. § 444; June 10, 1921, ch. 18, title III, § 304, 42 Stat. 24; Pub. L. 108-271, § 8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814.)

##### CODIFICATION

R.S. § 444 derived from act Mar. 3, 1849, ch. 108, § 2, 9 Stat. 395.

Section was formerly classified to section 487 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, § 1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

##### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of other officers, employees, and agencies of Department of the Interior, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of the Interior, with power to delegate, see Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1950, §§ 1, 2, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3174, 64 Stat. 1262, set out under section 1451 of this title.

“Government Accountability Office” substituted in text for “General Accounting Office” pursuant to section 8(b) 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 “proper accounting officers of Department of the Treasury” pursuant to act June 10, 1921, which transferred all 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.

#### § 1460. Copies of records, documents, etc.; charges; disposition of receipts

The Secretary of the Interior, or any of the officers of that Department may, when not prejudicial to the interests of the Government, furnish authenticated or unauthenticated copies of any official books, records, papers, documents, maps, plats, or diagrams within his custody and may charge therefore a sum equal to the cost of production thereof, plus the cost of administrative services involved in handling the records for such purpose, as these costs may be determined by the Secretary of the Interior or such subordinate officials or employees as he may designate, and in addition the sum of 25 cents for each certificate of verification and the seal attached to authenticated copies. There shall be no charge for the making or verification of copies required for official use by the officers of any branch of the Government. Only a charge of 25 cents shall be made for furnishing authenticated copies of any rules, regulations, or instructions printed by the government for gratuitous distribution. The money received for copies under this section shall be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the appropriations then current and charge-

able for the cost of furnishing copies as herein authorized.

(Aug. 24, 1912, ch. 370, § 1, 37 Stat. 497; July 30, 1947, ch. 354, § 1, 61 Stat. 521; Aug. 3, 1950, ch. 526, 64 Stat. 402.)

##### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 488 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, § 1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

##### AMENDMENTS

1950—Act Aug. 3, 1950, included within the price of copies of records furnished by the Department the cost of the administrative expenses involved as well as the cost of production.

1947—Act July 30, 1947, omitted specific charges for copies of books, records, etc., inserted provision that charge for copies would amount to cost of production as determined by the Secretary of the Interior or his designee, and inserted provision relating to deposit of receipts.

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#### § 1461. Rules and regulations governing inspection and copying

Nothing in sections 1460 to 1463 of this title shall be construed to limit or restrict in any manner the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to prescribe such rules and regulations as he may deem proper governing the inspection of the records of said department and its various bureaus by the general public, and any person having any particular interest in any of such records may be permitted to take copies of such records under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

(Aug. 24, 1912, ch. 370, § 2, 37 Stat. 498.)

##### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 489 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, § 1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

##### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of other officers, employees, and agencies of Department of the Interior, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of the Interior, with power to delegate, see Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1950, §§ 1, 2, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3174, 64 Stat. 1262, set out under section 1451 of this title.

#### § 1462. Attestation of copies by official seal

All officers who furnish authenticated copies under section 1460 of this title shall attest their authentication by the use of an official seal, which is authorized for that purpose.

(Aug. 24, 1912, ch. 370, § 4, 37 Stat. 498.)

##### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 491 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, § 1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

**§ 1463. Disposition of receipts**

All sums received under the provisions of section 1460 of this title shall be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of miscellaneous receipts. (Aug. 24, 1912, ch. 370, § 6, 37 Stat. 498.)

## CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 492 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, § 1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

**§ 1464. Agents or attorneys representing claimants before department**

The Secretary of the Interior may prescribe rules and regulations governing the recognition of agents, attorneys, or other persons representing claimants before his department, and may require of such persons, agents, and attorneys, before being recognized as representatives of claimants, that they shall show that they are of good moral character and in good repute, possessed of the necessary qualifications to enable them to render such claimants valuable service, and otherwise competent to advise and assist such claimants in the presentation of their claims and such Secretary may, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, suspend or exclude from further practice before his department any such person, agent, or attorney shown to be incompetent, disreputable, or who refuses to comply with the said rules and regulations, or who shall with intent to defraud in any manner, deceive, mislead, or threaten any claimant, or prospective claimant, by word, circular, letter, or by advertisement.

(July 4, 1884, ch. 181, § 5, 23 Stat. 101.)

## CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 493 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, § 1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of other officers, employees, and agencies of Department of the Interior, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of the Interior, with power to delegate, see Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1950, §§ 1, 2, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3174, 64 Stat. 1262, set out under section 1451 of this title.

**§ 1465. Annual reports of department and its bureaus**

The annual reports of the department and of all its bureaus and establishments, including the Bureau of Reclamation, shall not exceed a total of one thousand two hundred and fifty pages.

(May 24, 1922, ch. 199, 42 Stat. 554; Jan. 24, 1923, ch. 42, 42 Stat. 1176; June 5, 1924, ch. 264, 43 Stat. 392; Mar. 3, 1925, ch. 462, 43 Stat. 1143.)

## CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 495 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, § 1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

**§ 1466. Administration of oaths, affirmations, etc., by employees of Division of Investigations; force and effect**

Special agents and such other employees of the Division of Investigations, Department of the Interior of the United States, as are designated by the Secretary of the Interior for that purpose, are authorized and empowered to administer to or take from any person an oath, affirmation, affidavit, or deposition whenever necessary in the performance of their official duties. Any such oath, affirmation, affidavit, or deposition administered or taken by or before a special agent or such other employee of the Division of Investigations, Department of the Interior, when certified under his hand, shall have like force and effect as if administered or taken before an officer having a seal.

(Oct. 14, 1940, ch. 878, 54 Stat. 1175.)

## CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 498 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, § 1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

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**§ 1467. Working capital fund; establishment; uses; reimbursement**

There is established a working capital fund of \$300,000, to be available without fiscal year limitation, for expenses necessary for the maintenance and operation of (1) a central reproduction service; (2) communication services; (3) a central supply service for stationery, supplies, equipment, blank forms, and miscellaneous materials, for which adequate stocks may be maintained to meet in whole or in part requirements of the bureaus and offices of the Department in the city of Washington and elsewhere; (4) a central library service; (5) health services; and (6) such other similar service functions as the Secretary determines may be performed more advantageously on a reimbursable basis. Said fund shall be reimbursed from available funds of bureaus, offices, and agencies for which services are performed at rates which will return in full all expenses of operation, including reserves for accrued annual leave and depreciation of equipment.

(Sept. 6, 1950, Ch. 896, ch. VII, title I, § 101, 64 Stat. 680.)

## CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 502 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, § 1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

**§ 1467a. Working capital fund; credit card refunds or rebates**

Refunds or rebates received on an on-going basis from a credit card services provider under