

**§ 135b. Local and regional centers; preference to blind and other physically handicapped veterans; rules and regulations; authorization of appropriations**

(a) The Librarian of Congress may contract or otherwise arrange with such public or other nonprofit libraries, agencies, or organizations as he may deem appropriate to serve as local or regional centers for the circulation of (1) books, recordings, and reproducers referred to in section 135a of this title, and (2) musical scores, instructional texts, and other specialized materials referred to in section 135a-1 of this title, under such conditions and regulations as he may prescribe. In the lending of such books, recordings, reproducers, musical scores, instructional texts, and other specialized materials, preference shall at all times be given to the needs of the blind and of the other physically handicapped persons who have been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.

(b) There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

(Mar. 3, 1931, ch. 400, § 2, 46 Stat. 1487; Pub. L. 89-522, § 1, July 30, 1966, 80 Stat. 330.)

AMENDMENTS

1966—Pub. L. 89-522 extended Librarian's authority to arrange for local and regional centers by authorizing him to contract with public or other nonprofit libraries, agencies, or organizations, extended field to include recordings, reproducers, musical scores, instructional texts, and other materials, substituted "Armed Forces of the United States" for "United States military or naval service", and extended veteran preference to include other physically handicapped individuals in addition to blind persons.

**§ 136. Librarian of Congress; rules and regulations**

The Librarian of Congress shall make rules and regulations for the government of the Library.

(Feb. 19, 1897, ch. 265, § 1, 29 Stat. 544, 546; Pub. L. 92-310, title II, § 220(f), June 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 204; Pub. L. 114-86, § 3, Nov. 5, 2015, 129 Stat. 675.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

R.S. §§ 88, 89, 4950, which were repealed by acts Feb. 28, 1933, ch. 131, § 1, 47 Stat. 1349; Mar. 3, 1933, ch. 202, § 1, 47 Stat. 1428, 1431.

AMENDMENTS

2015—Pub. L. 114-86 struck out provisions relating to appointment of Librarian of Congress.

1972—Pub. L. 92-310 struck out provisions which required the Librarian of Congress to give a bond in the sum of \$20,000.

SHORT TITLE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 114-86, § 1, Nov. 5, 2015, 129 Stat. 675, provided that: "This Act [enacting section 136-1 of this title and amending this section] may be cited as the 'Librarian of Congress Succession Modernization Act of 2015'."

**§ 136-1. Appointment and term of service of Librarian of Congress**

**(a) In general**

The President shall appoint the Librarian of Congress, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

**(b) Term of service**

The Librarian of Congress shall be appointed for a term of 10 years.

**(c) Reappointment**

An individual appointed to the position of Librarian of Congress, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, may be reappointed to that position in accordance with subsections (a) and (b).

**(d) Effective date**

This section shall apply with respect to appointments made on or after November 5, 2015.

(Pub. L. 114-86, § 2, Nov. 5, 2015, 129 Stat. 675.)

**§§ 136a, 136a-1. Omitted**

CODIFICATION

Sections were superseded by section 136a-2 of this title.

Section 136a, Pub. L. 88-426, title II, § 203(c), Aug. 14, 1964, 78 Stat. 415; Pub. L. 90-206, title II, §§ 219(2), 225(h), Dec. 16, 1967, 81 Stat. 639, 644; Pub. L. 94-82, title II, § 204(b), Aug. 9, 1975, 89 Stat. 421, set compensation of Librarian of Congress at an annual rate equal to rate for positions at level IV of Executive Schedule.

A prior section 136a, acts Mar. 6, 1928, ch. 134, 45 Stat. 197; Oct. 15, 1949, ch. 695, § 5(a), 63 Stat. 890, which contained similar provisions, was repealed by Pub. L. 89-554, § 8(a), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 647, 655.

Section 136a-1, Pub. L. 88-426, title II, § 203(d), Aug. 14, 1964, 78 Stat. 415; Pub. L. 90-206, title II §§ 219(3), 225(h), Dec. 16, 1967, 81 Stat. 639, 644; Pub. L. 94-82, title II, § 204(b), Aug. 9, 1975, 89 Stat. 421, set compensation of Deputy Librarian of Congress at an annual rate equal to rate for positions at level V of Executive Schedule.

**§ 136a-2. Librarian of Congress and Deputy Librarian of Congress; compensation**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law—

(1) the Librarian of Congress shall be compensated at an annual rate of pay which is equal to the annual rate of basic pay payable for positions at level II of the Executive Schedule under section 5313 of title 5; and

(2) the Deputy Librarian of Congress shall be compensated at an annual rate of pay which is equal to the annual rate of basic pay payable for positions at level III of the Executive Schedule under section 5314 of title 5.

(Pub. L. 98-63, title I, § 904, July 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 336; Pub. L. 106-57, title II, § 209(a), Sept. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 424.)

AMENDMENTS

1999—Pub. L. 106-57 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows:

"(a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section and notwithstanding any other provision of law—

"(1) the compensation of the Librarian of Congress shall be at an annual rate which is equal to the annual rate of basic pay payable for positions at level III of the Executive Schedule under section 5314 of title 5, and

"(2) the compensation of the Deputy Librarian of Congress shall be at an annual rate which is equal to the annual rate of basic pay payable for positions at level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5.

"(b) The limitations contained in section 306 of S. 2939, Ninety-seventh Congress, as made applicable by section 101(e) of Public Law 97-276 (as amended by section 128(a) of Public Law 97-377) shall, after application