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SUBCHAPTER I—HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

§ 2001. House Office Building; control, supervision, and care

The House of Representatives Office Building, which shall hereafter be designated as the House Office Building and the employment of all service, other than the United States Capitol Police, that may be appropriated for by Congress, necessary for its protection, care, and occupancy, shall be under the control and supervision of the Architect of the Capitol, subject to the approval and direction of a commission consisting of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and two Representatives in Congress, to be appointed by the Speaker. Vacancies occurring by resignation, termination of service as Representatives in Congress, or otherwise in the membership of said commission shall be filled by the Speaker, and any two members of said commission shall constitute a quorum to do business. The Architect of the Capitol shall submit annually to Congress estimates in detail for all services, other than the United States Capitol Police, and for all other expenses in connection with said office building and necessary for its protection, care, and occupancy; and said commission herein referred to shall from time to time prescribe rules and regulations to govern said architect in making all such employments, together with rules and regulations governing the use and occupancy of all rooms and space in said building.

(Mar. 4, 1907, ch. 2918, 34 Stat. 1365; May 28, 1908, No. 30, 35 Stat. 578; Mar. 3, 1921, ch. 124, 41 Stat. 1291; Pub. L. 111–145, §6(c)(1), Mar. 4, 2010, 124 Stat. 54.)

CODIFICATION

Section was classified to section 175 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. 4, 1907, popularly known as the “Sundry Civil Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1908” appropriating for the maintenance of such Building.

AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111–145 substituted “other than the United States Capitol Police” for “other than officers and privates of the Capitol police” in two places.

CHANGE OF NAME

Change of name of Architect of the Capitol, functions abolished, transferred, etc., by prior acts, see Prior

Provisions and Change of Name notes set out under section 1801 of this title.

SHORT TITLE OF 2012 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 112–234, §1, Dec. 28, 2012, 126 Stat. 1624, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 2084 and 2108 of this title, section 2703a of Title 19, Customs Duties, section 1708a of Title 21, Food and Drugs, section 376 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure, and section 2103 of Title 36, Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations, amending provisions set out as notes under section 4301 of Title 38, Veterans’ Benefits, and section 416 of Title 39, Postal Service, and repealing provisions set out as a note under section 416 of Title 39] may be cited as the ‘GAO Mandates Revision Act of 2012.’”

ACQUISITION OF SITE

Act Mar. 3, 1903, ch. 1007, 32 Stat. 1113, authorized acquisition of a site for and the construction of the House Office Building, and appointment of a Commission to supervise its construction.

Joint Resolution May 28, 1908, provided that it should be designated the House Office Building.

HOUSE PUBLIC ADDRESS SOUND SYSTEM ACTIVITIES;
TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEES AND FUNDING

Pub. L. 104–197, title III, §307, Sept. 16, 1996, 110 Stat. 2413, provided that:

“(a) Upon approval of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, and in accordance with conditions determined by the Committee on House Oversight [now Committee on House Administration], positions in connection with House public address sound system activities and related funding shall be transferred from the appropriation for the Architect of the Capitol for Capitol buildings and grounds under the heading ‘CAPITOL BUILDINGS’ to the appropriation for salaries and expenses of the House of Representatives for the Office of the Clerk under the heading ‘SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES’.

“(b) For purposes of section 8339(m) of title 5, United States Code, the days of unused sick leave to the credit of any such employee as of the date such employee is transferred under subsection (a) shall be included in the total service of such employee in connection with the computation of any annuity under subsections (a) through (e) and (o) of such section.

“(c) In the case of days of annual leave to the credit of any such employee as of the date such employee is transferred under subsection (a), the Architect of the Capitol is authorized to make a lump sum payment to each such employee for that annual leave. No such payment shall be considered a payment or compensation within the meaning of any law relating to dual compensation.”

TRANSFER OF O’NEILL BUILDING TO HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES

Pub. L. 114–223, div. C, §176, as added by Pub. L. 114–254, div. A, §101(3), Dec. 10, 2016, 130 Stat. 1012, provided that:

“(a) TRANSFER.—Effective upon the expiration of the 180-day period that begins on the date of the enactment of this section [Dec. 10, 2016]—

“(1) the building described in subsection (e) shall become an office building of the House of Representatives;

“(2) the Administrator of General Services shall transfer custody, control, and administrative jurisdiction over the building to the Architect of the Capitol; and

“(3) the Architect of the Capitol shall exercise custody, control, and administrative jurisdiction over the building subject to the direction of the House Office Building Commission.

“(b) TREATMENT AS HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING AND PART OF CAPITOL GROUNDS.—Upon the transfer of custody, control, and administrative jurisdiction under sub-