

49 Stat. 1921; June 25, 1948, ch. 646, §32(a), (b), 62 Stat. 991; May 24, 1949, ch. 139, §127, 63 Stat. 107.)

CHANGE OF NAME

Act June 25, 1948, eff. Sept. 1, 1948, as amended by act May 24, 1949, substituted “United States District Court for the District of Columbia” for “District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia”, “chief judge” for “chief justice” and “associate judges” for “associate justices” wherever appearing.

Act June 25, 1936, substituted “District Court of the United States for the said District” for “Supreme Court for the said District”.

Act June 7, 1934, substituted “United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia” for “Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia”.

**§ 138. Law library; hours kept open**

The law library shall be kept open every day so long as either House of Congress is in session.

(July 11, 1888, ch. 615, §1, 25 Stat. 262.)

**§ 139. Omitted**

CODIFICATION

Section, acts Feb. 19, 1897, ch. 265, §1, 29 Stat. 546; Pub. L. 94-273, §30, Apr. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 380, which required the Librarian of Congress to make an annual report to Congress on the affairs of the Library, including copyright business and a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures, terminated, effective May 15, 2000, pursuant to section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance. See, also, page 10 of House Document No. 103-7.

**§ 140. Employees; fitness**

All persons employed in and about said Library of Congress under the Librarian shall be appointed solely with reference to their fitness for their particular duties.

(Feb. 19, 1897, ch. 265, §1, 29 Stat. 545; June 29, 1922, ch. 251, §1, 42 Stat. 715.)

CODIFICATION

Act June 29, 1922, §1, cited as a credit to this section, which transferred duties of the Superintendent of the Library Building and Grounds to the Architect of the Capitol and the Librarian of Congress and provided for appointment of employees, was amended generally by Pub. L. 108-7, div. H, title I, §1208(a), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 375, and no longer relates to this subject matter.

**§ 141. Allocation of responsibilities for Library buildings and grounds**

**(a) Architect of the Capitol**

**(1) In general**

The Architect of the Capitol shall have charge of all work at the Library of Congress buildings and grounds (as defined in section 167j of this title) that affects—

(A) the structural integrity of the buildings;

(B) buildings systems, including mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and elevators;

(C) the architectural features of the buildings;

(D) compliance with building and fire codes, laws, and regulations with respect to the specific responsibilities set for<sup>1</sup> under this paragraph;

(E) the care and maintenance of Library grounds; and

(F) purchase of all equipment necessary to fulfill the responsibilities set forth under this paragraph.

**(2) Employees**

The employees required for the performance of the duties under paragraph (1) shall be appointed by the Architect of the Capitol.

**(b) Librarian of Congress**

The Librarian of Congress shall have charge of all work (other than work under subsection (a)) at the Library of Congress buildings and grounds.

**(c) Transfer of funds**

The Architect of the Capitol and the Librarian of Congress may enter into agreements with each other to perform work under this section, and, subject to the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate and the Joint Committee on the Library, may transfer between themselves appropriations or other available funds to pay the costs therefor.

(June 29, 1922, ch. 251, §1, 42 Stat. 715; Pub. L. 91-280, June 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 309; Pub. L. 101-520, title II, §205(b), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 2272; Pub. L. 101-562, §2(a), Nov. 15, 1990, 104 Stat. 2780; Pub. L. 108-7, div. H, title I, §1208(a), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 375.)

AMENDMENTS

2003—Pub. L. 108-7 inserted section catchline and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Architect of the Capitol shall have charge of all structural work at the Library of Congress buildings and grounds (as defined in section 167j of this title), including all necessary repairs, the operation, maintenance, and repair of the mechanical plant and elevators, the care and maintenance of the grounds, and the purchasing of all equipment other than office equipment. The employees required for the performance of the foregoing duties shall be appointed by the Architect of the Capitol. All other duties on June 29, 1922, required to be performed by the Superintendent of the Library Building and Grounds shall be performed under the direction of the Librarian of Congress, who shall appoint the employees necessary therefor. The Librarian of Congress shall provide for the purchase and supply of office equipment and furniture for library purposes.”

1990—Pub. L. 101-520 and Pub. L. 101-562 made substantively identical amendments, substituting reference to the Library of Congress buildings and grounds (as defined in section 167j of this title) for reference to the Library Building and on the grounds.

1970—Pub. L. 91-280 substituted “purchasing of all equipment other than office equipment” for “purchasing and supplying of all furniture and equipment for the building” in second sentence and inserted sentence at end.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-7, div. H, title I, §1208(b), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 376, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 142 of this title] shall apply to fiscal year 2003 and each fiscal year thereafter.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENTS

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-520 and 101-562 effective on date [Nov. 6, 1991] Architect of the Capitol acquires the property and improvements described in Pub. L.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “forth”.