

SUBCHAPTER III—SERGEANT AT ARMS  
AND DOORKEEPER OF SENATE

PART A—ORGANIZATION AND PERSONNEL

**§ 6591. Compensation of Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of Senate**

The Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate shall be paid at an annual rate of compensation of \$40,000.

(Pub. L. 88-426, title II, § 203(g), Aug. 14, 1964, 78 Stat. 415; Pub. L. 93-371, § 4, Aug. 13, 1974, 88 Stat. 429; Pub. L. 94-59, title I, § 105, July 25, 1975, 89 Stat. 275.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 61e of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

AMENDMENTS

1975—Pub. L. 94-59 substituted “an annual rate of compensation of \$40,000” for “a rate of \$38,760 per annum”, effective July 1, 1975.

1974—Pub. L. 93-371 substituted provisions authorizing Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper to be paid at an annual rate of compensation of \$38,760, for provisions setting forth compensation of Sergeant at Arms at rate of \$27,500 per annum, effective July 1, 1974.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective on first day of first pay period which begins on or after July 1, 1964, except to the extent provided in section 501(c) of Pub. L. 88-426, see section 501 of Pub. L. 88-426, title V, Aug. 14, 1964, 78 Stat. 435.

1974 ADJUSTMENT IN COMPENSATION NOT TO SUPERSEDE ADJUSTMENTS IN COMPENSATION OR LIMITATIONS BY PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE

Adjustment in compensation by Pub. L. 93-371 not to supersede order of President pro tempore of the Senate authorizing higher rate of compensation or any authority of President pro tempore to adjust rates of compensation or limitations under section 4 of the Federal Pay Comparability Act of 1970, see section 4 of Pub. L. 93-371, set out in part as a note under section 6531 of this title.

INCREASES IN COMPENSATION

Increases in compensation for Senate officers and employees under authority of Federal Salary Act of 1967 (Pub. L. 90-206) and Federal Pay Comparability Act of 1970 (Pub. L. 91-656), see section 4571 of this title, and Salary Directives of President pro tempore of the Senate, set out as notes under that section.

**§ 6592. Limitation on compensation of Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of Senate**

The Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate shall receive, directly or indirectly, no fees or other compensation or emolument whatever for performing the duties of the office, or in connection therewith, other than the salary prescribed by law.

(June 20, 1874, ch. 328, 18 Stat. 85.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 62 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

SIMILAR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were also contained in act Mar. 3, 1875, ch. 129, 18 Stat. 344.

**§ 6593. Deputy Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper to act on death, resignation, disability, or absence of Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of Senate**

In the event of the death, resignation, or disability of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, the Deputy Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper shall act as Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of that office in all matters until such time as a new Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate shall have been elected and qualified or such disability shall have been ended. For purposes of this section, the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate shall be considered as disabled only during such period of time as the Majority and Minority Leaders and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate certify jointly to the Senate that the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate is unable to perform his duties. In the event that the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate is absent, the Deputy Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper shall act during such absence as the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the office in all matters.

(Pub. L. 97-51, § 128, Oct. 1, 1981, 95 Stat. 966.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 61e-3 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

**§ 6594. Compensation of Deputy Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of Senate**

Effective August 1, 1979, the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper may fix the compensation of the Deputy Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper at an annual rate not to exceed the maximum annual rate of compensation of the Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

(Pub. L. 94-226, § 1(a), Mar. 9, 1976, 90 Stat. 203; Pub. L. 96-38, title I, § 106(1), July 25, 1979, 93 Stat. 112.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 61e-1 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

AMENDMENTS

1979—Pub. L. 96-38 raised the maximum annual rate of compensation of Deputy Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of Senate to a rate the same as the maximum annual rate of compensation of Assistant Secretary of Senate.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 94-226, § 1(b), Mar. 9, 1976, 90 Stat. 203, provided that: “Subsection (a) [enacting this section] shall take effect on January 1, 1976, and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, any increase in compensation made under authority of such subsection may take effect on that date or any date thereafter as prescribed by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper at the time of making such increase.”

CHANGE OF NAME

Pub. L. 94-226, § 1(c), Mar. 9, 1976, 90 Stat. 203, provided that: “Effective on the date of enactment of this resolution [Mar. 9, 1976] the title of the Procurement

Officer, Auditor, and Deputy Sergeant at Arms is changed to Deputy Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper.”

AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE TO RAISE OR ADJUST RATE OF COMPENSATION

Pub. L. 94-226, §1(a), Mar. 9, 1976, 90 Stat. 203, provided in part that: “This subsection [this section] does not supersede (1) any provision of an order of the President pro tempore of the Senate authorizing a higher rate of compensation, and (2) any authority of the President pro tempore to adjust the rate of compensation referred to in this subsection [this section] under section 4 of the Federal Pay Comparability Act of 1970 [section 4571 of this title].”

**§ 6595. Compensation of Administrative Assistant to Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of Senate**

Effective August 1, 1979—

(1) the maximum annual rate of compensation of the Administrative Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate shall be the same as the highest maximum annual rate of compensation that may be paid to an employee in the office of a Senator; and  
(2) Omitted

(Pub. L. 96-38, title I, §106(2), (3), July 25, 1979, 93 Stat. 112.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 61e-2 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section consists of pars. (2) and (3) of section 106 of Pub. L. 96-38, Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1979. The paragraph numbers (2) and (3) in the original have been changed to (1) and (2) for purposes of codification.

Par. (2), relating to maximum annual rate of compensation of Executive Assistant to Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of Senate, was omitted from the Code in view of section 6597 of this title which abolished all statutory positions in the Office of Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of Senate, with specified exceptions, effective Oct. 1, 1981, and authorized Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of Senate to appoint and fix compensation of such employees as appropriate.

**§ 6596. Employment of personnel by Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of Senate at daily rates of compensation; authorization; limitation on amount of compensation**

The Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, in carrying out the duties of his office, is authorized to employ personnel at daily rates of compensation; no individual so employed shall be paid at a daily rate of compensation which is in excess of the per diem equivalent of the highest gross rate of annual compensation which may be paid to employees of a standing committee of the Senate; and payments under authority of this section shall be made from the account, within the contingent fund of the Senate, for the “Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate”, upon vouchers approved by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.

(Pub. L. 98-367, title I, §6, July 17, 1984, 98 Stat. 475.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 61f-9 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriation Act, 1985, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1985.

**§ 6597. Abolition of statutory positions in Office of Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of Senate; authority to establish and fix compensation for positions**

Effective October 1, 1981, all statutory positions in the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate (other than the positions of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, Deputy Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, and Administrative Assistant) are abolished, and in lieu of the positions hereby abolished the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate is authorized to establish such number of positions as he deems appropriate and appoint and fix the compensation of employees to fill the positions so established; except that the annual rate of compensation payable to any employee appointed to fill any position established by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate shall not, for any period of time, be in excess of \$1,000 less than the annual rate of compensation of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate for that period of time; and except that nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any position authorized by statute, if the compensation for such position is to be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate.

(Pub. L. 97-51, §116, Oct. 1, 1981, 95 Stat. 963.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 61f-7 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION OF SENATE CHAMBER PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM FROM ARCHITECT OF CAPITOL TO SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF SENATE

Pub. L. 102-90, title I, §8, Aug. 14, 1991, 105 Stat. 451, provided that:

“(a) Effective October 1, 1991, the jurisdiction and control of the Senate chamber public address system is transferred from the Architect of the Capitol to the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate. In the case of any employee of the Architect of the Capitol transferred during fiscal year 1992 to the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate as an audio operator—

“(1) in the case of days of annual leave to the credit of any such employee as of the date such employee is transferred, the Architect of the Capitol is authorized to make payment to each such employee for that annual leave, and no such payment shall be considered a payment or compensation within the meaning of any law relating to dual compensation; and

“(2) 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 shall be included in the total service of such employee in connection with the computation of any annuity under subsections (a) through (e), (n), and (q) of such section.

“(b) The Architect of the Capitol shall provide the maintenance of the Senate chamber public address system until such system is replaced by a combined public address and audio broadcast system.”

TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION OF ELEVATORS IN CAPITOL BUILDING UNDER CONTROL OF SENATE FROM ARCHITECT OF CAPITOL TO SERGEANT AT ARMS AND DOORKEEPER OF SENATE

Pub. L. 102-90, title I, §9, Aug. 14, 1991, 105 Stat. 452, provided that:

“(a) Subject to subsection (b), those employees of the Architect of the Capitol engaged in operating elevators