

**(c) Retention**

The Clerk shall maintain the information posted on the public Internet site of the Office of the Clerk under this section for a period of 6 years after receiving the information, or, in the case of reports filed under section 103(h)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, until the expiration of the 6-year period which begins on the date the individual is no longer a Member of Congress.

(Pub. L. 110–81, title III, §304, Sept. 14, 2007, 121 Stat. 752; Pub. L. 112–105, §19(b)(1), Apr. 4, 2012, 126 Stat. 304.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 103(h)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, referred to in subsecs. (a)(2) and (c), is section 103(h)(1) of Pub. L. 95–521, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

## CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 104e of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

## AMENDMENTS

2012—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 112–105 substituted “, or, in the case of reports filed under section 103(h)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, until the expiration of the 6-year period which begins on the date the individual is no longer a Member of Congress.” for period at end.

## CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Ethics of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Twelfth Congress, Jan. 5, 2011.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2012 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 112–105, §19(b)(2), Apr. 4, 2012, 126 Stat. 305, provided that: “The amendment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to any report which is filed on or after the date on which the systems developed by the Secretary and Sergeant at Arms of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives under section 8(b) [of Pub. L. 112–105, set out as a note under section 105 of Pub. L. 95–521, in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees] first take effect.”

## EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Pub. L. 110–81, title III, §306, Sept. 14, 2007, 121 Stat. 754, provided that: “The provisions of this title [enacting this section] are adopted by the House of Representatives—

“(1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of the House; and

“(2) with full recognition of the constitutional right of the House to change those rules at any time, in the same manner, and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of the House.”

**§ 4713. Reporting payments made to witnesses before Committee on Standards of Official Conduct**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law or any other rule or regulation, any information on payments made by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct of the House of Representatives to an individual for attendance as a witness before the Committee in executive session during a Congress shall be reported not later

than the second semiannual report filed under section 5535 of this title in the following Congress.

(Pub. L. 105–275, title I, §105, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2439.)

## CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified as a note under section 104b of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

## CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Ethics of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Twelfth Congress, Jan. 5, 2011.

## SUBCHAPTER III—SENATE

**§ 4721. Referral of ethics violations by Senate Ethics Committee to Government Accountability Office for investigation**

If the Committee on Ethics of the Senate determines that there is a reasonable basis to believe that a Member, officer, or employee of the Senate may have committed an ethics violation, the committee may request the Office of Special Investigations of the Government Accountability Office to conduct factfinding and an investigation into the matter. The Office of Special Investigations shall promptly investigate the matter as directed by the committee.

(Pub. L. 101–194, title V, §501, Nov. 30, 1989, 103 Stat. 1753; Pub. L. 108–271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814.)

## CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 72a–1g of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

## AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108–271 substituted “Government Accountability Office” for “General Accounting Office” in section catchline and text.

**§ 4722. Mandatory Senate ethics training for Members and staff****(a) Training program**

The Select Committee on Ethics shall conduct ongoing ethics training and awareness programs for Members of the Senate and Senate staff.

**(b) Requirements**

The ethics training program conducted by the Select Committee on Ethics shall be completed by—

(1) new Senators or staff not later than 60 days after commencing service or employment; and

(2) Senators and Senate staff serving or employed on September 14, 2007, not later than 165 days after September 14, 2007.

(Pub. L. 110–81, title V, §553, Sept. 14, 2007, 121 Stat. 773.)

## CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 72a–1h of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.