

said Library, such sums for expenditure under the direction of the Librarian of Congress as may be necessary to provide books published either in raised characters, on sound-reproduction recordings or in any other form, and for purchase, maintenance, and replacement of reproducers for any such forms, for the use of the blind and for other physically handicapped residents of the United States, including the several States, Territories, insular possessions, and the District of Columbia, all of which books, recordings, and reproducers will remain the property of the Library of Congress but will be loaned to blind and to other physically handicapped readers certified by competent authority as unable to read normal printed material as a result of physical limitations, under regulations prescribed by the Librarian of Congress for this service. In the purchase of books in either raised characters or in sound-reproduction recordings the Librarian of Congress, without reference to the provisions of section 6101 of title 41, shall give preference to nonprofit-making institutions or agencies whose activities are primarily concerned with the blind and with other physically handicapped persons, in all cases where the prices or bids submitted by such institutions or agencies are, by said Librarian, under all the circumstances and needs involved, determined to be fair and reasonable.”

2016—Pub. L. 114-219 substituted “and for purchase, maintenance, and replacement of reproducers for any such forms” for “and for purchase, maintenance, and replacement of reproducers for such sound-reproduction recordings” in first sentence.

1966—Pub. L. 89-522 amended section generally, extending availability of books and materials under this section by authorizing their loan to other physically handicapped residents, in addition to blind persons, certified by competent authority as unable to read normal printed material as a result of physical limitations.

1957—Pub. L. 85-308 authorized annual appropriation of necessary sums in lieu of provisions which limited annual appropriation to \$1,125,000, and struck out limitation of \$200,000 on amount of appropriated funds to be expended annually for books in raised characters.

1952—Act July 3, 1952, included children within its provisions as well as adults.

1946—Act Aug. 8, 1946, increased annual appropriation from \$500,000 to \$1,125,000.

1944—Act June 13, 1944, increased annual appropriation from \$370,000 to \$500,000, the amount allocated to sound-reproduction records from \$250,000 to \$400,000, and struck out provision allocating \$20,000 to maintenance and replacement of Government-owned reproducers.

1942—Act Oct. 1, 1942, substituted “\$370,000” for “\$350,000”, and inserted clause at end of first sentence relating to expenditure of not exceeding \$20,000 for maintenance and replacement of reproducers for sound-reproduction records.

1940—Act June 6, 1940, substituted “\$350,000” for “\$275,000” and “\$250,000” for “\$175,000”.

1939—Act June 7, 1939, inserted last sentence.

1937—Act Apr. 23, 1937, substituted “\$275,000” for “\$175,000” in two places and “\$175,000” for “\$75,000”.

1935—Act June 14, 1935, substituted “\$175,000” for “\$100,000” and inserted provision that \$100,000 of the \$175,000 annual appropriation be expended for books in raised characters and the balance for sound-reproduction records.

1933—Act Mar. 4, 1933, inserted “published either in raised characters, on sound-reproduction records, or in any other form”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1957 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 85-308, §2, Sept. 7, 1957, 71 Stat. 630, provided that: “This Act [amending this section] shall be applicable with respect to the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958, and for each fiscal year thereafter.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1946 AMENDMENT

Act Aug. 8, 1946, ch. 868, §2, 60 Stat. 908, provided: “This Act [amending this section] shall be applicable

with respect to the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, and for each fiscal year thereafter.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1944 AMENDMENT

Act June 13, 1944, ch. 246, §2, 58 Stat. 276, provided: “This Act [amending this section] shall be applicable with respect to the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, and for each fiscal year thereafter.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1942 AMENDMENT

Act Oct. 1, 1942, ch. 575, §2, 56 Stat. 764, provided: “This Act [amending this section] shall be applicable with respect to the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, and for each fiscal year thereafter.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1937 AMENDMENT

Act Apr. 23, 1937, ch. 125, §2, 50 Stat. 72, provided that: “This Act [amending this section] shall be applicable with respect to the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, and for each fiscal year thereafter.”

### § 135a-1. Repealed. Pub. L. 116-94, div. P, title XIV, § 1403(b), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3207

Section, Pub. L. 87-765, Oct. 9, 1962, 76 Stat. 763; Pub. L. 89-522, §2, July 30, 1966, 80 Stat. 331, related to library of musical scores, instructional texts, and other specialized materials for use of blind persons or other physically disabled residents. See section 135a of this title.

### § 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<sup>1</sup> 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.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 135a-1 of this title, referred to in subsec. (a), was repealed by Pub. L. 116-94, div. P, title XIV, §1403(b), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3207. See section 135a of this title.

#### 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

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

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 the greater of the rate of pay in effect for level III of the Executive Schedule under section 5314 of title 5 or the maximum annual rate of basic pay payable under section 5376 of such title for positions at agencies with a performance appraisal system certified under section 5307(d) of such title.

(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; Pub. L. 116-94, div. P, title XIV, §1404(a)(1), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3207.)

AMENDMENTS

2019—Par. (2). Pub. L. 116-94 amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “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.”

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 of section 128(b) of Public law 97-377, be applicable to the compensation of the Librarian of Congress and the Deputy Librarian of Congress, as fixed by subsection (a) of this section.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1999 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-57, title II, §209(c), Sept. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 424, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 166 of this title] shall apply with respect to the first pay period which begins on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Sept. 29, 1999] and each subsequent pay period.”

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 98-63, title I, §904(c), July 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 337, provided that subsec. (a) of this section was to take effect on the first day of the first applicable pay period commencing on or after July 30, 1983, prior to being omitted in the general amendment of section 904 of Pub. L. 98-63 by section 209(a) of Pub. L. 106-57.

SALARY INCREASES

1987—Salaries of Librarian and Deputy Librarian increased respectively to \$89,500 and \$82,500 per annum, on recommendation of the President of the United States, see note set out under section 358 of this title.