

certifying officers shall (1) be held responsible for the existence and correctness of the facts recited in the certificate or otherwise stated on the voucher or its supporting paper and the legality of the proposed payment under the appropriation or fund involved, (2) be held responsible and accountable for the correctness of the computations of certifications made, and (3) be held accountable for and required to make good to the United States the amount of any illegal, improper, or incorrect payment resulting from any false, inaccurate, or misleading certificate made by them, as well as for any payment prohibited by law which did not represent a legal obligation under the appropriation or fund involved: *Provided*, That the Comptroller General of the United States may, at his discretion, relieve such certifying officer or employee of liability for any payment otherwise proper whenever he finds (1) that the certification was based on official records and that such certifying officer or employee did not know, and by reasonable diligence and inquiry could not have ascertained the actual facts, or (2) that the obligation was incurred in good faith, that the payment was not contrary to any statutory provision specifically prohibiting payments of the character involved, and the United States has received value for such payment: *Provided further*, That the Comptroller General shall relieve such certifying officer or employee of liability for an overpayment for transportation services made to any common carrier covered by section 3726 of title 31, whenever he finds that the overpayment occurred solely because the administrative examination made prior to payment of the transportation bill did not include a verification of transportation rates, freight classifications, or land grant deductions.

The Disbursing Officer of the Library of Congress shall not be held accountable or responsible for any illegal, improper, or incorrect payment resulting from any false, inaccurate, or misleading certificate, the responsibility for which is imposed upon a certifying officer or employee of the Office of Compliance.<sup>1</sup>

(Pub. L. 104-197, title II, §208, Sept. 16, 1996, 110 Stat. 2409.)

#### CHANGE OF NAME

Office of Compliance changed, as of Dec. 21, 2018, and considered to refer and apply, to the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, see section 308(d) of Pub. L. 115-397, set out as an Effective Date of 2018 Amendment note under section 1381 of this title.

### § 143. Appropriations for Library Building and Grounds

All appropriations made to the Architect of the Capitol on account of the Library Building and Grounds shall be disbursed for that purpose in the same manner as other appropriations under his control.

(June 29, 1922, ch. 251, §3, 42 Stat. 715.)

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Disbursement functions of all Government agencies except Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force and Panama Canal transferred to Division of Disbursements, Treasury Department, by Ex. Ord. No. 6166, §4, June 10, 1933, and Ex. Ord. No. 6728, May 29, 1934.

Division subsequently consolidated with other agencies into Fiscal Service in Treasury Department by Reorg. Plan No. III of 1940, §1(a)(1), eff. June 30, 1940, 5 F.R. 2107, 54 Stat. 1231. See section 306 of Title 31, Money and Finance.

### § 143a. Disbursement of funds

From and after October 1, 1978, funds available to the Library of Congress may be expended to reimburse the Department of State for medical services rendered to employees of the Library of Congress stationed abroad and for contracting on behalf of and hiring alien employees for the Library of Congress under compensation plans comparable to those authorized by section 444 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946, as amended (22 U.S.C. 889(a)), for purchase or hire of passenger motor vehicles; for payment of travel, storage and transportation of household goods, and transportation and per diem expenses for families enroute (not to exceed twenty-four); for benefits comparable to those payable under sections 911(9), 911(11), and 941 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946, as amended (22 U.S.C. 1136(9), 1136(11), and 1156, respectively); and travel benefits comparable with those which are now or hereafter may be granted single employees of the Agency for International Development, including single Foreign Service personnel assigned to A.I.D. projects, by the Administrator of the Agency for International Development—or his designee—under the authority of section 2396(b) of title 22; subject to such rules and regulations as may be issued by the Librarian of Congress.

(Pub. L. 96-536, §101(c), Dec. 16, 1980, 94 Stat. 3167.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Sections 444, 911(9), 911(11), and 941 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946, referred to in text, were repealed by section 2205(1) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, Pub. L. 96-465, title II, Oct. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 2159. The Foreign Service Act of 1980 is classified principally to chapter 52 (§3901 et seq.) of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse. Section 2401(c) of the 1980 Act (22 U.S.C. 4172(c)) provides in part that references in law to provisions of the Foreign Service Act of 1946 shall be deemed to include reference to the corresponding provisions of the 1980 Act. For provisions corresponding to the above cited sections of the 1946 Act, see sections 408, 901(6), 901(8), and 904 of the 1980 Act (22 U.S.C. 3968, 4081(6), 4081(8), 4084).

#### CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 203 of title II of H.R. 7593, as passed the House of Representatives on July 21, 1980, and incorporated by reference in section 101(c) of Pub. L. 96-536, to be effective as if enacted into law.

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 96-86, §101(c) [H.R. 4390, title II, §203], Oct. 12, 1979, 93 Stat. 657.

Pub. L. 95-391, title II, §203, Sept. 30, 1978, 92 Stat. 785.

Pub. L. 95-94, title II, §203, Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 677.

Pub. L. 94-440, title VIII, §803, Oct. 1, 1976, 90 Stat. 1457.

Pub. L. 94-59, title VII, §703, July 25, 1975, 89 Stat. 295.

Pub. L. 93-371, Aug. 13, 1974, 88 Stat. 441.

Pub. L. 93-145, Nov. 1, 1973, 87 Stat. 545.

Pub. L. 92-342, July 10, 1972, 86 Stat. 446.

Pub. L. 92-51, July 9, 1971, 85 Stat. 141.

Pub. L. 91-382, Aug. 18, 1970, 84 Stat. 823.

Pub. L. 91-145, Dec. 12, 1969, 83 Stat. 357.  
 Pub. L. 90-417, July 28, 1968, 82 Stat. 411.  
 Pub. L. 90-57, July 28, 1967, 81 Stat. 140.  
 Pub. L. 89-545, Aug. 27, 1966, 80 Stat. 368.

**§ 143b. Payments in advance for subscriptions or other charges**

From and after October 1, 1980, payments in advance for subscriptions or other charges for bibliographical data, publications, materials in any other form, and services may be made by the Librarian of Congress whenever he determines it to be more prompt, efficient, or economical to do so in the interest of carrying out required Library programs.

(Pub. L. 96-536, §101(c), Dec. 16, 1980, 94 Stat. 3167.)

CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 204 of title II of H.R. 7593, as passed the House of Representatives on July 21, 1980, and incorporated by reference in section 101(c) of Pub. L. 96-536, to be effective as if enacted into law.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 96-86, §101(c) [H.R. 4390, title II, §204], Oct. 12, 1979, 93 Stat. 657.  
 Pub. L. 95-391, title II, §204, Sept. 30, 1978, 92 Stat. 786.  
 Pub. L. 95-94, title II, §204, Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 677.  
 Pub. L. 94-440, title VIII, §804, Oct. 1, 1976, 90 Stat. 1457.  
 Pub. L. 94-59, title VII, §704, July 25, 1975, 89 Stat. 295.  
 Pub. L. 93-371, Aug. 13, 1974, 88 Stat. 441.  
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 Pub. L. 90-57, July 28, 1967, 81 Stat. 140.

**§ 143c. Use of other library funds to make payments**

In addition to amounts transferred pursuant to section 182b(e)(2) of this title, the Librarian of Congress may transfer amounts made available for salaries and expenses of the Library of Congress during a fiscal year to the applicable appropriations accounts of the United States Capitol Police in order to reimburse the Capitol Police for services provided in connection with a special event or program described in section 182b(a)(4) of this title.

(Pub. L. 110-161, div. H, title I, §1004(f)(2), Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2236; Pub. L. 110-178, §6(b), Jan. 7, 2008, 121 Stat. 2554; Pub. L. 111-145, §6(d)(1), Mar. 4, 2010, 124 Stat. 54.)

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-161, div. H, title I, §1004(f)(2), and Pub. L. 110-178, §6(b), enacted substantially identical provisions. This section is based on text of section 6(b) of Pub. L. 110-178. Pub. L. 110-161, §1004, was repealed by Pub. L. 111-145.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Repeal of section 1004 of Pub. L. 110-161 by Pub. L. 111-145 effective as if included in the enactment of Pub. L. 110-161 and to have no effect on the enactment or implementation of any provision of Pub. L. 110-178, see section 6(d) of Pub. L. 111-145, set out as a note under section 1901 of this title.

**§ 143d. Funds available for workers compensation payments**

**(a) In general**

Available balances of expired Library of Congress appropriations shall be available to the Library of Congress to make the deposit to the credit of the Employees' Compensation Fund required by subsection 8147(b) of title 5.

**(b) Effective date**

This section shall apply with respect to appropriations for fiscal year 2012 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(Pub. L. 112-74, div. G, title I, §1303, Dec. 23, 2011, 125 Stat. 1131.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2012, which is div. G of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012.

**§ 144. Copies of Statutes at Large**

Ten of the copies of the Statutes at Large, published by Little, Brown & Co., which were deposited in the Library prior to February 5, 1859, shall be retained by the Librarian for the use of the justices of the Supreme Court, during the terms of court.

(R.S. §96.)

CODIFICATION

R.S. §96 derived from act Feb. 5, 1859, ch. 22, §11, 11 Stat. 381.

**§ 145. Copies of journals and documents**

Two copies of the journals and documents, and of each book printed by either House of Congress, well bound in calf, shall be deposited in the Library, and must not be taken therefrom.

(R.S. §97.)

CODIFICATION

R.S. §97 derived from Res. Jan. 2, 1857, No. 5, §5, 11 Stat. 253.

**§ 145a. Periodical binding of printed hearings of committee testimony**

The Librarian of the Library of Congress is authorized and directed to have bound at the end of each session of Congress the printed hearings of testimony taken by each committee of the Congress at the preceding session.

(Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title I, §141, 60 Stat. 834.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Aug. 2, 1946, see section 142 of act Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title I, 60 Stat. 834.

**§ 146. Deposit of Journals of Senate and House**

Twenty-five copies of the public Journals of the Senate, and of the House of Representatives, shall be deposited in the Library of the United States, at the seat of government, to be delivered to Members of Congress during any session, and to all other persons authorized by law to use the books in the Library, upon their application to the Librarian, and giving their responsible receipts for the same, in like manner as for other books.