

(Mar. 1, 1921, ch. 89, §1, 41 Stat. 1181.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 115 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

SUBCHAPTER V—GENERAL COUNSEL

§ 5571. Office of General Counsel of House; administrative provisions

(a) Compliance with admission requirements

The General Counsel of the House of Representatives and any other counsel in the Office of the General Counsel of the House of Representatives, including any counsel specially retained by the Office of General Counsel, shall be entitled, for the purpose of performing the counsel's functions, to enter an appearance in any proceeding before any court of the United States or of any State or political subdivision thereof without compliance with any requirements for admission to practice before such court, except that the authorization conferred by this subsection shall not apply with respect to the admission of any such person to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

(b) Notification by Attorney General

The Attorney General shall notify the General Counsel of the House of Representatives as required by section 530D of title 28.

(c) General Counsel definition

In this section, the term "General Counsel of the House of Representatives" means—

(1) the head of the Office of General Counsel established and operating under clause 8 of rule II of the Rules of the House of Representatives;

(2) the head of any successor office to the Office of General Counsel which is established after September 29, 1999; and

(3) any other person authorized and directed in accordance with the Rules of the House of Representatives to provide legal assistance and representation to the House in connection with the matters described in this section.

(d) Effective date

The provisions of this section shall become effective beginning with September 29, 1999.

(Pub. L. 106-57, title I, §101, Sept. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 414; Pub. L. 107-273, div. A, title II, §202(b)(5), Nov. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 1775; Pub. L. 108-7, div. H, title I, §110(a), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 355.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 130f of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 2000, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2000.

AMENDMENTS

2003—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 108-7 amended Pub. L. 107-273. See 2002 Amendment note below.

2002—Pub. L. 107-273, as amended by Pub. L. 108-7, substituted "as required by section 530D of title 28" for "with respect to any proceeding in which the United States is a party of any determination by the Attorney

General or Solicitor General not to appeal any court decision affecting the constitutionality of an Act or joint resolution of Congress within such time as will enable the House to direct the General Counsel to intervene as a party in such proceeding pursuant to applicable rules of the House of Representatives".

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-7, div. H, title I, §110(c), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 355, provided that: "The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 288k of this title] shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act [Pub. L. 107-273]."

SUBCHAPTER VI—INTERPARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

§ 5581. Participation by House in interparliamentary institutions; reception of members of foreign legislative bodies and foreign officials; meetings with Government officials

(a) It is the purpose of this section to enable the House of Representatives more properly to discharge and coordinate its activities and responsibilities in connection with participation in various interparliamentary institutions, to facilitate the interchange and reception in the United States of members of foreign legislative bodies and permanent officials of foreign governments, and to enable the House of Representatives to host meetings with senior United States Government officials and other dignitaries in order to discuss matters relevant to United States relations with other countries.

(b) For payment of expenses incurred in carrying out subsection (a) of this section, there shall be paid out of the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives, until otherwise provided by law, such sums as may be necessary but not to exceed \$40,000 in any calendar year. Such payments shall be made on vouchers signed by the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and approved by the Committee on House Oversight.

(Pub. L. 95-391, title I, §111, Sept. 30, 1978, 92 Stat. 777; Pub. L. 103-437, §2(b), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4581; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §204(72), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1741; Pub. L. 105-275, title I, §102, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2438; Pub. L. 108-83, title I, §103(e), Sept. 30, 2003, 117 Stat. 1017.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 130-1 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is based on section 1 of House Resolution No. 1047, Ninety-fifth Congress, Apr. 4, 1978, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 95-391.

AMENDMENTS

2003—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 108-83 substituted "\$40,000" for "\$80,000".

1998—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-275 substituted "\$80,000" for "\$55,000".

1996—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-186 substituted "applicable accounts of the House of Representatives" for "contingent fund of the House" and "House Oversight" for "House Administration".

1994—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-437 substituted "Committee on Foreign Affairs" for "Committee on International Relations".

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on House Oversight of House of Representatives changed to Committee on House Administration of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Sixth Congress, Jan. 6, 1999.

§ 5582. Office of Interparliamentary Affairs**(a) Establishment**

There is hereby established in the House of Representatives an office to be known as the “Office of Interparliamentary Affairs” (hereafter in this section referred to as the “Office”).

(b) Duties

The duties of the Office are as follows:

(1) To receive and respond to inquiries from foreign parliamentarians or foreign legislative bodies regarding official visits to the House of Representatives.

(2) To coordinate official visits to the House of Representatives by parliamentarians, officers, or employees of foreign legislative bodies.

(3) To coordinate with the Sergeant at Arms, the Clerk, and other officers of the House of Representatives in providing services for delegations of Members on official visits to foreign nations.

(4) To carry out other activities to—

(A) discharge and coordinate the activities and responsibilities of the House of Representatives in connection with participation in various interparliamentary exchanges and organizations;

(B) facilitate the interchange and reception in the United States of members of foreign legislative bodies and permanent officials of foreign governments; and

(C) enable the House to host meetings with senior government officials and other dignitaries in order to discuss matters relevant to United States relations with other nations.

(c) Director**(1) Appointment**

The Office shall be headed by the Director of Interparliamentary Affairs of the House of Representatives (hereafter in this section referred to as the “Director”), who shall be appointed by the Speaker without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties of the position. Any person so appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker.

(2) Compensation

The Director shall be paid at an annual rate determined by the Speaker.

(d) Other staff**(1) In general**

With the approval of the Speaker, or in accordance with policies and procedures approved by the Speaker, the Director may appoint and set the pay of such other employees as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the Office. Any such appointment shall be made without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties of the position. Any person so ap-

pointed may be removed by the Director with the approval of the Speaker, or in accordance with policies and procedures approved by the Speaker.

(2) Compensation

Any employee of the Office appointed under this subsection shall be paid at an annual rate determined by the Director with the approval of the Speaker or in accordance with policies approved by the Speaker.

(e) Omitted**(f) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2003 and each succeeding fiscal year such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(g) Effective date

This section shall take effect on September 30, 2003.

(Pub. L. 108-83, title I, §103, Sept. 30, 2003, 117 Stat. 1016.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 130-2 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is comprised of section 103 of Pub. L. 108-83. Subsec. (e) of section 103 of Pub. L. 108-83 amended section 5581 of this title.

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2004.

SUBCHAPTER VII—MEDIA SERVICES

§ 5591. Media support services**(a) Support services for presidential nominating conventions**

The responsibilities of positions under the House Press Gallery, the House Periodical Press Gallery, and the House Radio and Television Correspondents’ Gallery shall include providing media support services with respect to the presidential nominating conventions of the national committees of political parties.

(b) Agreements with national committees

The Standing Committee of Correspondents may enter into agreements with national committees of political parties under which the committees and persons authorized by the committees may reimburse employees for necessary expenses incurred in carrying out the responsibilities described in subsection (a) and employees may accept such reimbursement.

(c) Terms and conditions

The terms and conditions under which employees exercise responsibilities under subsection (a), and the terms and conditions of any agreement entered into under subsection (b), shall be subject to the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

(d) Definition

In this section, the terms “national committee” and “political party” have the meaning given such terms in section 30101 of title 52.

(Pub. L. 109-289, div. B, title II, §20702(b), as added Pub. L. 110-5, §2, Feb. 15, 2007, 121 Stat. 38.)