

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.)

CODIFICATION

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

Section is from the Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007, which is div. B of Pub. L. 109-289, and is based on section 107 of title I of H.R. 5521, as passed by the House of Representatives on June 7, 2006, which was enacted into law by section 20702(b) of Pub. L. 109-289, as added by Pub. L. 110-5.

SUBCHAPTER VIII—SERGEANT AT ARMS

§ 5601. Sergeant at Arms of House; additional compensation

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

(June 20, 1874, ch. 328, 18 Stat. 87.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 77 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. 346.

§ 5602. Tenure of office of Sergeant at Arms

Any person duly elected and qualified as Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives shall continue in said office until his successor is chosen and qualified, subject however, to removal by the House of Representatives.

(Oct. 1, 1890, ch. 1256, § 6, 26 Stat. 646.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 83 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

§ 5603. Symbol of office of Sergeant at Arms

The symbol of his office shall be the mace, which shall be borne by him while enforcing order on the floor.

(Oct. 1, 1890, ch. 1256, § 2, 26 Stat. 645.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 79 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

§ 5604. Duties of Sergeant at Arms

It shall be the duty of the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives to attend the House during its sittings, to maintain order under the direction of the Speaker, and, pending the election of a Speaker or Speaker pro tempore, under the direction of the Clerk, execute the commands of the House and all processes issued by authority thereof, directed to him by the Speaker.

(Oct. 1, 1890, ch. 1256, § 1, 26 Stat. 645; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, § 204(25)(A), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1733.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 78 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 struck out “, keep the accounts for the pay and mileage of Members and Delegates, and pay them as provided by law” after “directed to him by the Speaker”.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Effective Feb. 1, 2010, functions of House of Representatives Office of Emergency Planning, Preparedness, and Operations transferred to Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, see section 105 of title I of div. G of Pub. L. 112-74, set out as a note under former section 130i of this title.

§ 5605. Law enforcement authority of Sergeant at Arms**(a) Law enforcement authority**

The Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives shall have the same law enforcement authority, including the authority to carry firearms, as a member of the Capitol Police. The law enforcement authority under the preceding sentence shall be subject to the requirement that the Sergeant at Arms have the qualifications specified in subsection (b).

(b) Qualifications

The qualifications referred to in subsection (a) are the following:

(1) A minimum of five years of experience as a law enforcement officer before beginning service as the Sergeant at Arms.

(2) Current certification in the use of firearms by the appropriate Federal law enforcement entity or an equivalent non-Federal entity.

(3) Any other firearms qualification required for members of the Capitol Police.

(c) Regulations

The Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives shall have authority to prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

(Pub. L. 104-53, title III, § 313, Nov. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 538.)

CODIFICATION

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§ 5606. Arrangements for attendance at funeral of deceased House Members; payment of funeral expenses and expenses of attending funeral rites

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sergeant at Arms of the House is authorized and directed on and after October 2, 1962, to make such arrangements as may be necessary for any committee of Members of the Senate and