

licable with respect to cases commenced under Title 11, Bankruptcy, before such effective date, except as otherwise provided, see section 1501 of Pub. L. 109-8, set out as a note under section 101 of Title 11.

Amendment by section 603(b) of Pub. L. 109-8 effective 18 months after Apr. 20, 2005, see section 603(e) of Pub. L. 109-8, set out as a note under section 521 of Title 11, Bankruptcy.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-394 effective Oct. 22, 1994, and not applicable with respect to cases commenced under Title 11, Bankruptcy, before Oct. 22, 1994, see section 702 of Pub. L. 103-394, set out as a note under section 101 of Title 11.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-509 effective on such date as the President shall determine, but not earlier than 90 days, and not later than 180 days, after Nov. 5, 1990, see section 529 [title III, §305] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out as a note under section 5301 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Effective date and applicability of amendment by Pub. L. 99-554 dependent upon the judicial district involved, see section 302(d), (e) of Pub. L. 99-554, set out as a note under section 581 of this title.

AUDIT PROCEDURES

Pub. L. 109-8, title VI, §603(a), Apr. 20, 2005, 119 Stat. 122, provided that:

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURES.—The Attorney General (in judicial districts served by United States trustees) and the Judicial Conference of the United States (in judicial districts served by bankruptcy administrators) shall establish procedures to determine the accuracy, veracity, and completeness of petitions, schedules, and other information that the debtor is required to provide under sections 521 and 1322 of title 11, United States Code, and, if applicable, section 111 of such title, in cases filed under chapter 7 or 13 of such title in which the debtor is an individual. Such audits shall be in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and performed by independent certified public accountants or independent licensed public accountants, provided that the Attorney General and the Judicial Conference, as appropriate, may develop alternative auditing standards not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act [Apr. 20, 2005].

“(2) PROCEDURES.—Those procedures required by paragraph (1) shall—

“(A) establish a method of selecting appropriate qualified persons to contract to perform those audits;

“(B) establish a method of randomly selecting cases to be audited, except that not less than 1 out of every 250 cases in each Federal judicial district shall be selected for audit;

“(C) require audits of schedules of income and expenses that reflect greater than average variances from the statistical norm of the district in which the schedules were filed if those variances occur by reason of higher income or higher expenses than the statistical norm of the district in which the schedules were filed; and

“(D) establish procedures for providing, not less frequently than annually, public information concerning the aggregate results of such audits including the percentage of cases, by district, in which a material misstatement of income or expenditures is reported.”

APPLICATION TO ALL STANDING TRUSTEES

Pub. L. 101-509, title V, §529 [title I, §110(b)], Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1427, 1452, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply to any trustee to whom the provisions of section 302(d)(3) of the Bankruptcy Judges, United States Trustees, and Family Farmer Bankruptcy Act of

1986 (Public Law 99-54 [Pub. L. 99-554]; 100 Stat. 3121) [set out in an Effective Date of 1986 Amendment note under section 581 of this title] apply.”

§ 587. Salaries

Subject to sections 5315 through 5317 of title 5, the Attorney General shall fix the annual salaries of United States trustees and assistant United States trustees at rates of compensation not in excess of the rate of basic compensation provided for Executive Level IV of the Executive Schedule set forth in section 5315 of title 5, United States Code.

(Added Pub. L. 95-598, title II, §224(a), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2664; amended Pub. L. 99-554, title I, §114(a), Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3093.)

CODIFICATION

Section 408(c) of Pub. L. 95-598, as amended, which provided for the repeal of this section and the deletion of any references to United States Trustees in this title at a prospective date, was repealed by section 307(b) of Pub. L. 99-554. See note set out preceding section 581 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1986—Pub. L. 99-554 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: “The Attorney General shall fix the annual salaries of United States trustees and assistant United States trustees at rates of compensation not to exceed the lowest annual rate of basic pay in effect for grade GS-16 of the General Schedule prescribed under section 5332 of title 5.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-554 effective 30 days after Oct. 27, 1986, see section 302(a) of Pub. L. 99-554, set out as a note under section 581 of this title.

§ 588. Expenses

Necessary office expenses of the United States trustee shall be allowed when authorized by the Attorney General.

(Added Pub. L. 95-598, title II, §224(a), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2664.)

CODIFICATION

Section 408(c) of Pub. L. 95-598, as amended, which provided for the repeal of this section and the deletion of any references to United States Trustees in this title at a prospective date, was repealed by section 307(b) of Pub. L. 99-554. See note set out preceding section 581 of this title.

§ 589. Staff and other employees

The United States trustee may employ staff and other employees on approval of the Attorney General.

(Added Pub. L. 95-598, title II, §224(a), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2664.)

CODIFICATION

Section 408(c) of Pub. L. 95-598, as amended, which provided for the repeal of this section and the deletion of any references to United States Trustees in this title at a prospective date, was repealed by section 307(b) of Pub. L. 99-554. See note set out preceding section 581 of this title.

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF LIMITATION ON APPOINTMENTS

Pub. L. 99-554, title I, §114(b), Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3093, provided that: “During the period beginning on

the effective date of this Act [see section 302 of Pub. L. 99-554, set out in an Effective Date of 1986 Amendment; Transition and Administrative Provisions note under section 581 of this title] and ending on October 1, 1989, the provisions of title 5 of the United States Code governing appointments in the competitive service shall not apply with respect to appointments under section 589 of title 28, United States Code.”

§ 589a. United States Trustee System Fund

(a) There is hereby established in the Treasury of the United States a special fund to be known as the “United States Trustee System Fund” (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “Fund”). Monies in the Fund shall be available to the Attorney General without fiscal year limitation in such amounts as may be specified in appropriations Acts for the following purposes in connection with the operations of United States trustees—

- (1) salaries and related employee benefits;
- (2) travel and transportation;
- (3) rental of space;
- (4) communication, utilities, and miscellaneous computer charges;
- (5) security investigations and audits;
- (6) supplies, books, and other materials for legal research;
- (7) furniture and equipment;
- (8) miscellaneous services, including those obtained by contract; and
- (9) printing.

(b) For the purpose of recovering the cost of services of the United States Trustee System, there shall be deposited as offsetting collections to the appropriation “United States Trustee System Fund”, to remain available until expended, the following—

- (1)(A) 40.46 percent of the fees collected under section 1930(a)(1)(A); and
- (B) 28.33 percent of the fees collected under section 1930(a)(1)(B);
- (2) 48.89 percent of the fees collected under section 1930(a)(3) of this title;
- (3) one-half of the fees collected under section 1930(a)(4) of this title;
- (4) one-half of the fees collected under section 1930(a)(5) of this title;
- (5) 100 percent of the fees collected under section 1930(a)(6) of this title;¹
- (6) three-fourths of the fees collected under the last sentence of section 1930(a) of this title;
- (7) the compensation of trustees received under section 330(d) of title 11 by the clerks of the bankruptcy courts;
- (8) excess fees collected under section 586(e)(2) of this title;
- (9) interest earned on Fund investment; and
- (10) fines imposed under section 110(l) of title 11, United States Code.

(c) Amounts in the Fund which are not currently needed for the purposes specified in subsection (a) shall be kept on deposit or invested in obligations of, or guaranteed by, the United States.

(d) The Attorney General shall transmit to the Congress, not later than 120 days after the end of

each fiscal year, a detailed report on the amounts deposited in the Fund and a description of expenditures made under this section.

(e) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Fund for any fiscal year such sums as may be necessary to supplement amounts deposited under subsection (b) for the purposes specified in subsection (a).

(Added Pub. L. 99-554, title I, §115(a), Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3094; amended Pub. L. 101-162, title IV, §406(c), Nov. 21, 1989, 103 Stat. 1016; Pub. L. 102-140, title I, §111(b), (c), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 795; Pub. L. 103-121, title I, §111(a)(2), (b)(2), (3), Oct. 27, 1993, 107 Stat. 1164; Pub. L. 104-91, title I, §101(a), Jan. 6, 1996, 110 Stat. 11, amended Pub. L. 104-99, title II, §211, Jan. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 37; Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(a) [title I, §109(b)], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009, 3009-18; Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, §1000(a)(1) [title I, title I, §113], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1535, 1501A-6, 1501A-20; Pub. L. 109-8, title III, §325(b), Apr. 20, 2005, 119 Stat. 99; Pub. L. 109-13, div. A, title VI, §6058(a), May 11, 2005, 119 Stat. 297; Pub. L. 110-161, div. B, title II, §212(a), Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 1914; Pub. L. 112-121, §3(b), May 25, 2012, 126 Stat. 348.)

CODIFICATION

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-91 is based on section 111(b) and (c) of H.R. 2076, One Hundred Fourth Congress, as passed by the House of Representatives on Dec. 6, 1995, which was enacted into law by Pub. L. 104-91.

AMENDMENTS

2012—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 112-121 substituted “48.89” for “55”.

2007—Subsec. (b)(10). Pub. L. 110-161 added par. (10).

2005—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 109-8, §325(b)(1), as amended by Pub. L. 109-13, §6058(a), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1), which read as follows: “27.42 percent of the fees collected under section 1930(a)(1) of this title;”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 109-8, §325(b)(2), as amended by Pub. L. 109-13, §6058(a), substituted “55 percent” for “one-half”.

1999—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 106-113, §1000(a)(1) [title I, §113], substituted “27.42 percent” for “23.08 percent”.

Subsec. (b)(9). Pub. L. 106-113, §1000(a)(1) [title I], added par. (9).

1996—Pub. L. 104-208 reenacted section catchline without change and amended text generally, revising and restating as subsecs. (a) to (e) provisions of former subsecs. (a) to (f).

Subsec. (b)(5). Pub. L. 104-91, as amended by Pub. L. 104-99, inserted “until a reorganization plan is confirmed” before semicolon.

Subsec. (f)(2). Pub. L. 104-91, as amended by Pub. L. 104-99, substituted “until a reorganization plan is confirmed;” for period at end.

Subsec. (f)(3). Pub. L. 104-91, as amended by Pub. L. 104-99, added par. (3).

1993—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 103-121, §111(a)(2), substituted “23.08 per centum” for “one-fourth”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 103-121, §111(b)(2), substituted “37.5 per centum” for “50 per centum”.

Subsec. (f)(1). Pub. L. 103-121, §111(b)(3), substituted “12.5 per centum” for “16.7 per centum”.

1991—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 102-140, §111(b)(1), substituted “50 per centum” for “three-fifths”.

Subsec. (b)(5). Pub. L. 102-140, §111(b)(2), substituted “60 per centum” for “all”.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 102-140, §111(c), added subsec. (f).

1989—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 101-162 substituted “one-fourth” for “one-third”.

¹ See Deposits of Certain Fees for Fiscal Years 2018 Through 2022 note below.