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§ 131. Collections composing Library; location

The Library of Congress, composed of the books, maps, and other publications which on December 1, 1873, remained in existence, from the collections theretofore united under authority of law and those added from time to time by purchase, exchange, donation, reservation from publications ordered by Congress, acquisition of material under the copyright law, and otherwise, shall be preserved in the Library Building. (R.S. § 80; Feb. 19, 1897, ch. 265, § 1, 29 Stat. 545, 546; Pub. L. 94-553, title I, § 105(g), Oct. 19, 1976, 90 Stat. 2599; Pub. L. 100-202, § 101(i) [title III, § 310], Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329-290, 1329-310.)

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CODIFICATION

R.S. § 80 derived from act Jan. 26, 1802, ch. 2, 2 Stat. 128; Res. Oct. 21, 1814, No. 3, 3 Stat. 246; act Jan. 30, 1815,

ch. 27, 3 Stat. 195; act June 25, 1864, ch. 147, §1, 13 Stat. 148; Res. July 25, 1866, No. 77, 14 Stat. 365; and act Mar. 2, 1867, ch. 167, §1, 14 Stat. 464.

AMENDMENTS

1987—Pub. L. 100-202 struck out after first sentence “The law library shall be preserved in the Capitol in the rooms which were on July 4, 1872, appropriated to its use, and in such others as may hereafter be assigned thereto.”

1976—Pub. L. 94-553 substituted “acquisition of material under the copyright law” for “deposit to secure copyright”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-553 effective Jan. 1, 1978, see section 102 of Pub. L. 94-553 set out as an Effective Date note preceding section 101 of Title 17, Copyrights.

SHORT TITLE OF 2019 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 116-94, div. P, title XIV, §1401, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3206, provided that: “This title [amending sections 135a, 136a-2, and 166 of this title, sections 701, 802, and 803 of Title 17, Copyrights, and section 2103 of Title 20, Education, repealing section 135a-1 of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 802 of Title 17] may be cited as the ‘Library of Congress Technical Corrections Act of 2019.’”

Pub. L. 116-94, div. P, title XVI, §1601, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3209, provided that: “This title [amending sections 185 and 1808 of this title and sections 3902 and 3903 of Title 44, Public Printing and Documents] may be cited as the ‘Legislative Branch Inspectors General Independence Act of 2019.’”

TRANSFER TO LIBRARY BUILDING

Provisions for the removal of the Library to the Library Building, erected pursuant to act Apr. 15, 1886, ch. 50, 24 Stat. 12, and for the custody, care, and maintenance of that building, were made by act Feb. 19, 1897.

ORGANIZING AND MICROFILMING OF PRESIDENTIAL PAPERS; APPROPRIATION

Pub. L. 85-147, Aug. 16, 1957, 71 Stat. 368, as amended by Pub. L. 87-263, Sept. 21, 1961, 75 Stat. 544; Pub. L. 88-299, Apr. 27, 1964, 78 Stat. 183, provided: “That the Librarian of Congress is authorized and directed to arrange, index and microfilm the papers of the Presidents of the United States in the collections of the Library of Congress, in order to preserve their contents against destruction by war or other calamity and for the purpose of making them more readily available for study and research to the fullest possible extent consistent with any existing limitations that may have been imposed on the use of or the access to such papers by their donors or by those placing them on deposit with the Library of Congress. Neither the United States nor any officer or employee of the United States shall be liable for damages for infringement of literary property rights by reason of any activity authorized by this Act. “SEC. 2. There are authorized to be appropriated such amounts as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.”

§ 132. Departments of Library

The Library of Congress shall be arranged in two departments, a general library and a law library.

(R.S. §81.)

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CODIFICATION

R.S. §81 derived from act July 14, 1832, ch. 221, §1, 4 Stat. 579.

§ 132a. Appropriations for increase of general library

The unexpended balance of any sums appropriated by Congress for the increase of the general library, together with such sums as may hereafter be appropriated to the same purpose, shall be laid out under the direction of the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library.

(R.S. §82; Feb. 7, 1902, No. 5, 32 Stat. 735; Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title II, §223, 60 Stat. 838.)

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CODIFICATION

R.S. §82 derived from acts Apr. 24, 1800, ch. 37, §5, 2 Stat. 56, and Jan. 26, 1802, ch. 2, §6, 2 Stat. 129.

AMENDMENTS

1946—Act Aug. 2, 1946, changed composition of Joint Committee. See section 132b of this title.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1946 AMENDMENT

Amendment by act Aug. 2, 1946, effective Jan. 3, 1947, see section 245 of that act, set out as a note under section 4301 of this title.

§ 132a-1. Obligations for reimbursable and revolving fund activities; limitation

Effective for fiscal years beginning with fiscal year 1995, obligations for any reimbursable and revolving fund activities performed by the Library of Congress are limited to the total amounts provided (1) in the annual regular appropriations Act making appropriations for the legislative branch, or (2) in a supplemental appropriations Act that makes appropriations for the legislative branch.

(Pub. L. 103-69, title II, §206, Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 706.)

§ 132a-2. Furniture, furnishings, and office and library equipment; transfer of funds

(a) Transfer of funds

In addition to any other transfer authority provided by law, during fiscal year 2001 and fiscal years thereafter, the Librarian of Congress may transfer to and among available accounts of the Library of Congress amounts appropriated to the Librarian from funds for the purchase, installation, maintenance, and repair of furniture, furnishings, and office and library equipment.

(b) Availability of funds

Any amounts transferred pursuant to subsection (a) shall be merged with and be available for the same purpose and for the same period as the appropriation or account to which such amounts are transferred.

(c) Approval of Congress

The Librarian may transfer amounts pursuant to subsection (a) only with the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate.

(Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(2) [title II, §209], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-114.)