

used for official reception and representational expenses.

**(d) Foreign travel for official purposes**

Foreign travel for official purposes by Commission members and staff may be authorized by either the Chairman or the Cochairman.

(Pub. L. 94-304, § 7, June 3, 1976, 90 Stat. 662; Pub. L. 94-534, Oct. 17, 1976, 90 Stat. 2495; Pub. L. 95-426, title VII, § 702, Oct. 7, 1978, 92 Stat. 992; Pub. L. 96-60, title IV, § 401, Aug. 15, 1979, 93 Stat. 403; Pub. L. 99-7, §§ 3, 4, Mar. 27, 1985, 99 Stat. 19.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1985—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-7, § 3, amended subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (a) read as follows: “There is authorized to be appropriated to the Commission for each fiscal year and to remain available until expended \$550,000 to assist in meeting the expenses of the Commission for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter, such appropriation to be disbursed on voucher to be approved by the Chairman of the Commission.”

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 99-7, § 4, added subsec. (d).

1979—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 96-60 added subsec. (c).

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-426 substituted “\$550,000” for “\$350,000”.

1976—Pub. L. 94-534 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-7 effective Apr. 15, 1985, see section 6(a) of Pub. L. 99-7, set out as a note under section 3002 of this title.

**§ 3008. Commission staff**

**(a) Personnel and administration committee**

The Commission shall have a personnel and administration committee composed of the Chairman, the Cochairman, the senior Commission member from the minority party in the House of Representatives, and the senior Commission member from the minority party in the Senate.

**(b) Committee functions**

All decisions pertaining to the hiring, firing, and fixing of pay of Commission staff personnel shall be by a majority vote of the personnel and administration committee, except that—

(1) the Chairman shall be entitled to appoint and fix the pay of the staff director, and the Cochairman shall be entitled to appoint and fix the pay of his senior staff person; and

(2) the Chairman and Cochairman each shall have the authority to appoint, with the approval of the personnel and administration committee, at least four professional staff members who shall be responsible to the Chairman or the Cochairman (as the case may be) who appointed them.

The personnel and administration committee may appoint and fix the pay of such other staff personnel as it deems desirable.

**(c) Staff appointments**

All staff appointments shall be made without regard to the provisions of title 5 governing ap-

pointments in the competitive service, and without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification and general schedule pay rates.

**(d) Commission employees as congressional employees**

(1) For purposes of pay and other employment benefits, rights, and privileges and for all other purposes, any employee of the Commission shall be considered to be a congressional employee as defined in section 2107 of title 5.

(2) For purposes of section 3304(c)(1)<sup>1</sup> of title 5, staff personnel of the Commission shall be considered as if they are in positions in which they are paid by the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

(3) The provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection shall be effective as of June 3, 1976.

(Pub. L. 94-304, § 8, June 3, 1976, 90 Stat. 662; Pub. L. 99-7, § 5, Mar. 27, 1985, 99 Stat. 19; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, § 218(3), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1747.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 3304(c) of title 5, referred to in subsec. (d)(2), was repealed and section 3304(d) was redesignated 3304(c) by Pub. L. 104-65, § 16(a), (b), Dec. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 703.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 104-186 substituted “Chief Administrative Officer” for “Clerk”.

1985—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 99-7, in amending section generally, added subsecs. (a) and (b).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99-7, in amending section generally, designated existing provisions as subsec. (c) and substituted “All staff appointments shall be made” for “The Commission may appoint and fix the pay of such staff personnel as it deems desirable.”

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 99-7, in amending section generally, added subsec. (d).

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-7 effective Apr. 15, 1985, except for enactment of subsec. (d) which was effective June 3, 1976, see section 6(a), (b)(2) of Pub. L. 99-7, set out as a note under section 3002 of this title.

**§ 3009. Printing and binding costs**

For purposes of costs relating to printing and binding, including the costs of personnel detailed from the Government Publishing Office, the Commission shall be deemed to be a committee of the Congress.

(Pub. L. 94-304, § 9, as added Pub. L. 99-190, § 134, Dec. 19, 1985, 99 Stat. 1322; amended Pub. L. 113-235, div. H, title I, § 1301(b), Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2537.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

CHANGE OF NAME

“Government Publishing Office” substituted for “Government Printing Office” in text on authority of

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.