

**§ 1804. Deputy Architect of the Capitol to act in case of absence, disability, or vacancy**

On and after August 18, 1970, the Deputy Architect of the Capitol shall act as Architect of the Capitol during the absence or disability of that official or whenever there is no Architect.

(Pub. L. 91-382, Aug. 18, 1970, 84 Stat. 817; Pub. L. 101-163, title I, §106(d), Nov. 21, 1989, 103 Stat. 1057; Pub. L. 108-7, div. H, title I, §1204, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 374.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section was classified to section 164a of former Title 40, prior to the enactment of Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, by Pub. L. 107-217, §1, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1062.

Section is from Pub. L. 91-382, popularly known as the “Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1971”.

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 87-730, Oct. 2, 1962, 76 Stat. 688.  
 Pub. L. 87-130, Aug. 10, 1961, 75 Stat. 329.  
 Pub. L. 86-628, July 12, 1960, 74 Stat. 455.  
 Pub. L. 86-176, Aug. 21, 1959, 73 Stat. 407.  
 Pub. L. 85-570, July 31, 1958, 72 Stat. 448.  
 Pub. L. 85-75, July 1, 1957, 71 Stat. 251.  
 June 27, 1956, ch. 453, 70 Stat. 365.  
 Aug. 5, 1955, ch. 568, 69 Stat. 515.  
 July 2, 1954, ch. 455, title I, 68 Stat. 405.  
 Aug. 1, 1953, ch. 304, title I, 67 Stat. 327.  
 July 9, 1952, ch. 598, 66 Stat. 472.  
 Oct. 11, 1951, ch. 485, 65 Stat. 396.  
 Sept. 6, 1950, ch. 896, Ch. II, 64 Stat. 602.  
 June 22, 1949, ch. 235, 63 Stat. 224.  
 June 14, 1948, ch. 467, 62 Stat. 430.  
 July 17, 1947, ch. 262, 61 Stat. 369.  
 July 1, 1946, ch. 530, 60 Stat. 400.  
 May 18, 1946, ch. 263, title I, 60 Stat. 185.  
 June 13, 1945, ch. 189, 59 Stat. 251.  
 June 26, 1944, ch. 277, title I, 58 Stat. 346.  
 June 28, 1943, ch. 173, title I, 57 Stat. 232.  
 June 8, 1942, ch. 396, 56 Stat. 341.  
 July 1, 1941, ch. 268, 55 Stat. 457.  
 June 18, 1940, ch. 396, 54 Stat. 472.  
 June 16, 1939, ch. 208, 53 Stat. 831.  
 May 17, 1938, ch. 236, 52 Stat. 390.  
 May 18, 1937, ch. 223, 50 Stat. 179.  
 Apr. 17, 1936, ch. 233, 49 Stat. 1224.  
 July 8, 1935, ch. 374, 49 Stat. 469.  
 May 30, 1934, ch. 372, 48 Stat. 826.  
 Feb. 28, 1933, ch. 134, 47 Stat. 1360.  
 June 30, 1932, ch. 314, 47 Stat. 391.  
 Feb. 20, 1931, ch. 234, 46 Stat. 1183.  
 June 6, 1930, ch. 407, 46 Stat. 513.

**AMENDMENTS**

2003—Pub. L. 108-7 substituted “Deputy Architect” for “Assistant Architect”.

1989—Pub. L. 101-163 struck out “, and, in case of the absence or disability of the Assistant Architect, the Executive Assistant shall so act” before period at end.

**§ 1805. Deputy Architect of the Capitol**

**(a) Establishment of Deputy Architect of the Capitol**

The Architect of the Capitol shall appoint a suitable individual to be the Deputy Architect of the Capitol. The Architect may delegate to the Deputy Architect such duties as the Architect determines are necessary or appropriate.

**(b) Compensation**

The Deputy Architect of the Capitol shall be paid at an annual rate of pay to be determined

by the Architect but not to exceed \$1,500 less than the annual rate of pay for the Architect of the Capitol.

(Pub. L. 108-7, div. H, title I, §1203, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 373; Pub. L. 108-11, title II, §2601(a), Apr. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 599; Pub. L. 108-271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814; Pub. L. 111-316, §1(b), Dec. 18, 2010, 124 Stat. 3452; Pub. L. 116-260, div. O, title VII, §701(b), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2154.)

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**CODIFICATION**

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2003, which is div. H of Pub. L. 108-7.

**AMENDMENTS**

2020—Pub. L. 116-260, §701(b)(1), substituted “Capitol” for “Capitol/Chief Operating Officer” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-260, §701(b)(2), inserted text of subsec. (a) and struck out former text of subsec. (a) which read as follows: “There shall be a Deputy Architect of the Capitol who shall serve as the Chief Operating Officer of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol. The Deputy Architect of the Capitol shall be appointed by the Architect of the Capitol and shall report directly to the Architect of the Capitol and shall be subject to the authority of the Architect of the Capitol. The Architect of the Capitol shall appoint the Deputy Architect of the Capitol not later than 180 days after February 20, 2003. The Architect of the Capitol shall consult with the Comptroller General or his designee before making the appointment.”

Subsecs. (b) to (h). Pub. L. 116-260, §701(b)(3), (4), redesignated subsec. (h) as (b) and struck out former subsecs. (b) to (g) which related to Deputy Architect qualifications and responsibilities, submission of an action plan and annual evaluation of its implementation, and removal of the Deputy Architect.

Subsecs. (i), (j). Pub. L. 116-260, §702(b)(5), struck out subsecs. (i) and (j) which required the Deputy Architect to prepare and transmit an annual performance report and terminated the role of the Comptroller General and the Government Accountability Office in this section as of Oct. 1, 2006.

2010—Subsec. (e)(3). Pub. L. 111-316 struck out par. (3). Text read as follows: “Notwithstanding section 1849(a) of this title, as amended by section 129(c) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2002, the Architect of the Capitol may fix the rate of basic pay for not more than 3 additional positions at a rate not to exceed the highest total rate of pay for the Senior Executive Service under subchapter VIII of chapter 53 of title 5 for the locality involved.”

2004—Subsecs. (f), (j). Pub. L. 108-271 substituted “Government Accountability Office” for “General Accounting Office”.

2003—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108-11, substituted “not later than 180 days” for “not later than 90 days”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2010 AMENDMENT**

Pub. L. 111-316, §1(c), Dec. 18, 2010, 124 Stat. 3452, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 1849 of this title] shall apply with respect to pay periods beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 18, 2010].”

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT**

Pub. L. 108-11, title II, §2601(b), Apr. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 599, provided that: “The amendment made by sub-section (a) [amending this section] shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2003 [Pub. L. 108-7, div. H].”

**§ 1806. Repealed. Pub. L. 110-437, title II, § 202(e)(2), Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4987**

Section, Pub. L. 110-28, title VI, §6701, May 25, 2007, 121 Stat. 182, related to Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services.

**§ 1807. Repealed. Pub. L. 110-437, title II, § 204(b)(2), Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4988**

Section, Pub. L. 110-161, div. H, title I, §1309, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2244, related to Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services.

**§ 1808. Inspector General of the Architect of the Capitol**

**(a) Short title**

This section may be cited as the “Architect of the Capitol Inspector General Act of 2007”.

**(b) Office of Inspector General**

There is an Office of Inspector General within the Office of the Architect of the Capitol which is an independent objective office to—

- (1) conduct and supervise audits and investigations relating to the Architect of the Capitol;
- (2) provide leadership and coordination and recommend policies to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness; and
- (3) provide a means of keeping the Architect of the Capitol and the Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of programs and operations of the Architect of the Capitol.

**(c) Appointment of Inspector General; supervision; removal; pay; limits on bonuses; counsel**

**(1) Appointment and supervision**

**(A) In general**

There shall be at the head of the Office of Inspector General, an Inspector General who shall be appointed by the Architect of the Capitol, in consultation with the Inspectors General of the Library of Congress, Government Publishing Office, Government Accountability Office, and United States Capitol Police. The appointment shall be made without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of integrity and demonstrated ability in accounting, auditing, financial analysis, law, management analysis, public administration, or investigations. The Inspector General shall report to, and be under the general supervision of, the Architect of the Capitol.

**(B) Audits, investigations, reports, and other duties and responsibilities**

The Architect of the Capitol shall have no authority to prevent or prohibit the Inspector General from—

- (i) initiating, carrying out, or completing any audit or investigation;
- (ii) issuing any subpoena during the course of any audit or investigation;
- (iii) issuing any report; or
- (iv) carrying out any other duty or responsibility of the Inspector General under this section.

**(2) Removal or transfer**

**(A) In general**

The Inspector General may be removed from office, or transferred to another position within, or another location of, the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, by the Architect of the Capitol.

**(B) Notice**

Not later than 30 days before the Architect of the Capitol removes or transfers the Inspector General under subparagraph (A), the Architect of the Capitol shall communicate in writing the reason for the removal or transfer to—

- (i) the Committee on House Administration and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives; and
- (ii) the Committee on Rules and Administration and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

**(C) Applicability**

Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit a personnel action (except for removal or transfer) that is otherwise authorized by law.

**(3) Compensation**

The Inspector General shall be paid at an annual rate of pay equal to \$1,500 less than the annual rate of pay of the Architect of the Capitol.

**(4) No bonuses**

The Inspector General may not receive any cash award or cash bonus, including a cash award under chapter 45 of title 5.

**(5) Counsel**

The Inspector General shall, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations governing selections, appointments, and employment at the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, obtain legal advice from a counsel reporting directly to the Inspector General or another Inspector General.

**(d) Duties, responsibilities, authority, and reports**

**(1) In general**

Sections 4, 5 (other than subsections (a)(13) and (e)(1)(B) thereof), 6 (other than subsection (a)(7) and (8) thereof), and 7 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) shall apply to the Inspector General of the Architect of the Capitol and the Office of such Inspector General and such sections shall be applied to the Office of the Architect of the Capitol and the Architect of the Capitol by substituting—

- (A) “Office of the Architect of the Capitol” for “establishment”; and
- (B) “Architect of the Capitol” for “head of the establishment”.

**(2) Employees**

**(A) In general**

The Inspector General, in carrying out this section, is authorized, without the supervision or approval of any other employee, office, or other entity within the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, to select, appoint,