

Buildings, Property, and Works, by Pub. L. 107-217, § 1, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1062.

PART B—SENATE COMMISSION ON ART

**§ 2101. Senate Commission on Art**

**(a) Establishment**

There is hereby established a Senate Commission on Art (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) consisting of the President pro tempore of the Senate, the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, and the majority and minority leaders of the Senate.

**(b) Chairman and Vice Chairman; quorum; Executive Secretary**

The Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate shall be the chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of the Commission. Three members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except that the Commission may fix a lesser number which shall constitute a quorum for the taking of testimony. The Secretary of the Senate shall be the Executive Secretary of the Commission<sup>1</sup>

**(c) Appointment of Senate Curator; assignment of assistants**

The Secretary of the Senate shall appoint a Senate Curator approved by the Senate Commission on Art. The Senate Curator shall be an employee of the Secretary of the Senate assigned to assist the Commission. The Secretary of the Senate shall assign additional employees to assist the Commission, and provide such other assistance, as the Commission determines necessary.

**(d) Hearings and meetings**

The Commission shall be empowered to hold hearings, summon witnesses, administer oaths, employ reporters, request the production of papers and records, take such testimony, and adopt such rules for the conduct of its hearings and meetings, as it deems necessary.

(Pub. L. 100-696, title IX, §901(a), (b)(1), (3), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4610, 4611; Pub. L. 108-83, title I, §3(d)(1), Sept. 30, 2003, 117 Stat. 1012.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section was classified to section 188b 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 based on section 1 of Senate Resolution No. 382, Ninetieth Congress, Oct. 1, 1968, which was enacted into permanent law and amended by Pub. L. 100-696.

**AMENDMENTS**

2003—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 108-83, §3(d)(1)(A), substituted “The Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate shall be the chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of the Commission.” for “The Commission shall elect a Chairman and a Vice Chairman at the beginning of each Congress.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108-83, §3(d)(1)(B), added subsec. (c) and struck out former subsec. (c) which read as follows: “The Commission shall select a Curator of Art

and Antiquities of the Senate who shall be appointed by and be an employee of the Secretary of the Senate. The Curator shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission, shall perform such duties as it may prescribe, and shall receive compensation at a gross rate, not to exceed \$22,089 per annum to be fixed by the Commission. At the request of the Commission the Secretary of the Senate shall detail to the Commission such additional professional, clerical, and other assistants as, from time to time, it deems necessary.”

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-696, §901(b)(3), substituted “Senate Commission on Art” for “Commission on Art and Antiquities of the United States Senate”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-696, §901(b)(1), inserted “The Secretary of the Senate shall be the Executive Secretary of the Commission”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**SENATE RULEMAKING POWER**

Pub. L. 100-696, title IX, §901(d), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4611, provided that: “The provisions of this section [enacting sections 2101 to 2106 of this title and amending sections 2101, 2102, and 2106 of this title] are enacted by the Congress—

“(1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of the Senate, and as such they shall be considered as part of the rules of the Senate, and such rules shall supersede other rules only to the extent that they are inconsistent therewith; and

“(2) with full recognition of the constitutional right of the Senate to change such rules at any time, in the same manner, and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of the Senate.”

**INCREASES IN COMPENSATION**

Increases in compensation for officers and employees of the Senate under authority of the Federal Pay Comparability Act of 1970 (Pub. L. 91-656), see Salary Directives of the President pro tempore of the Senate, set out as notes under section 4571 of this title.

**§ 2102. Duties of Commission**

**(a) In general**

The Commission is hereby authorized and directed to supervise, hold, place, protect, and make known all works of art, historical objects, and exhibits within the Senate wing of the United States Capitol, any Senate Office Buildings, and in all rooms, spaces, and corridors thereof, which are the property of the United States, and in its judgment to accept any works of art, historical objects, or exhibits which may hereafter be offered, given, or devised to the Senate, its committees, and its officers for placement and exhibition in the Senate wing of the Capitol, the Senate Office Buildings, or in rooms, spaces, or corridors thereof.

**(b) Issuance and publication of regulations**

The Commission shall prescribe such regulations as it deems necessary for the care, protection, and placement of such works of art, exhibits, and historical objects in the Senate wing of the Capitol and the Senate Office Buildings, and for their acceptance on behalf of the Senate, its committees, and officers. Such regulations shall be published in the Congressional Record at such time or times as the Commission may deem necessary for the information of the Members of the Senate and the public.

**(c) Consistency of regulations**

Regulations authorized by the provisions of section 2183 of this title to be issued by the Ser-

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be followed by a period.

geant at Arms of the Senate for the protection of the Capitol, and any regulations issued, or activities undertaken, by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, or the Architect of the Capitol, in carrying out duties relating to the care, preservation, and protection of the Senate wing of the Capitol and the Senate Office Buildings, shall be consistent with such rules and regulations as the Commission may issue pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

**(d) Responsibilities of Committee on Rules and Administration of Senate**

The Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate in consultation with the Architect of the Capitol and consistent with regulations prescribed by the Commission under subsection (b) of this section, shall have responsibility for the supervision, protection, and placement of all works of art, historical objects, and exhibits which shall have been accepted on behalf of the Senate by the Commission or acknowledged as United States property by inventory of the Commission, and which may be lodged in the Senate wing of the Capitol or the Senate Office Buildings by the Commission.

(Pub. L. 100-696, title IX, §901(a), (b)(2), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4610, 4611.)

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AMENDMENTS

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-696, §901(b)(2), substituted “protect, and make known” for “and protect” and “Senate wing of the United States Capitol, any Senate Office Buildings” for “Senate wing of the Capitol”.

**§ 2103. Supervision and maintenance of Old Senate Chamber**

The Commission shall have responsibility for the supervision and maintenance of the Old Senate Chamber on the principal floor of the Senate wing of the Capitol and of the Old Supreme Court Chamber insofar as each is to be preserved as a patriotic shrine in the Capitol for the benefit of the people of the United States.

(Pub. L. 100-696, title IX, §901(a), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4610; Pub. L. 107-68, title I, §108(a), Nov. 12, 2001, 115 Stat. 569.)

**Editorial Notes**

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Section is based on section 3 of Senate Resolution No. 382, Ninetieth Congress, Oct. 1, 1968, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 100-696.

AMENDMENTS

2001—Pub. L. 107-68 substituted “and of the Old Supreme Court Chamber insofar as each” for “insofar as it”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2001 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 107-68, title I, §108(c), Nov. 12, 2001, 115 Stat. 569, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 2105 of this title] shall apply to fiscal year 2002 and all succeeding fiscal years.”

**§ 2104. Publication of list of works of art, historical objects, and exhibits**

The Commission shall, from time to time, but at least once every ten years, publish as a Senate document a list of all works of art, historical objects, and exhibits currently within the Senate wing of the Capitol and the Senate Office Buildings, together with their description, location, and with such notes as may be pertinent to their history.

(Pub. L. 100-696, title IX, §901(a), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4610.)

**Editorial Notes**

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Section is based on section 4 of Senate Resolution No. 382, Ninetieth Congress, Oct. 1, 1968, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 100-696.

**§ 2105. Authorization of appropriations**

There is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of the contingent fund of the Senate for the expenses of the Commission such amount as may be necessary each fiscal year, to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate on vouchers signed by the Executive Secretary of the Commission and approved by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate: *Provided*, That no payment shall be made from such appropriation as salary.

(Pub. L. 100-696, title IX, §901(a), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4610; Pub. L. 107-68, title I, §108(b), Nov. 12, 2001, 115 Stat. 569.)

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AMENDMENTS

2001—Pub. L. 107-68 substituted “such amount as may be necessary each fiscal year,” for “the sum of \$15,000 each fiscal year,” and “the Executive Secretary of the Commission and approved by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate” for “the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Commission”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2001 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-68 applicable to fiscal year 2002 and all succeeding fiscal years, see section 108(c) of Pub. L. 107-68, set out as a note under section 2103 of this title.