

used for the payment of personal services except upon the express and specific authorization of the House in whose behalf such services are rendered. Nor shall such appropriations be used for any expenses not intimately and directly connected with the routine legislative business of the House of Representatives, and the General Accounting Office shall apply the provisions of this section in the settlement of the accounts of expenditures from said appropriations incurred for services or materials.

(Feb. 14, 1902, ch. 17, §1, 32 Stat. 26; June 10, 1921, ch. 18, title III, §304, 42 Stat. 24.)

CODIFICATION

Section was a proviso annexed to an appropriation for miscellaneous items, in the Urgent Deficiency Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1902.

Section was formerly classified to section 671 of Title 31 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 31, Money and Finance, by Pub. L. 97-258, §1, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 877.

Provisions relating to appropriations for contingent expenses of the Senate are set out in section 68-2 of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

“General Accounting Office” substituted in text for “accounting officers of the Treasury” pursuant to act June 10, 1921, which transferred all powers and duties of the Comptroller, six auditors, and certain other employees of the Treasury to the General Accounting Office. See section 701 et seq. of Title 31, Money and Finance.

§ 95b. Transfers of amounts appropriated for House

(a) Transfers among categories of allowances and expenses

Amounts appropriated for any fiscal year for the House of Representatives under the heading “ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES” may be transferred among the various categories of allowances and expenses under such heading, upon approval of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

(b) Transfers among offices and activities

Amounts appropriated for any fiscal year for the House of Representatives under the heading “SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES” may be transferred among the various offices and activities under such heading, upon approval of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

(c) Transfers among various appropriations headings

(1) Amounts appropriated for any fiscal year for the House of Representatives under the headings specified in paragraph (2) may be transferred among such headings, upon approval of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

(2) The headings referred to in paragraph (1) are “HOUSE LEADERSHIP OFFICES”, “MEMBERS’ CLERK HIRE”, “COMMITTEE EMPLOYEES”, “STANDING COMMITTEES, SPECIAL AND SELECT”, “HOUSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS”, “ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES”, “OFFICIAL MAIL COSTS”, and “SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES”.

(Pub. L. 102-392, title I, §101, Oct. 6, 1992, 106 Stat. 1709.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1993, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1993.

§ 96. Payment of certain bills from moneys of House

It shall be unlawful for the Clerk of the House to pay out of any moneys of the House of Representatives any bills for laundry, supplies, or utensils, except necessary furniture, used in the barber shops of the House Office Building or the House side of the Capitol.

(July 16, 1914, ch. 141, §1, 38 Stat. 462; Mar. 3, 1926, ch. 44, §1, 44 Stat. 163.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Certain functions of Clerk of House of Representatives transferred to Director of Non-legislative and Financial Services by section 7 of House Resolution No. 423, One Hundred Second Congress, Apr. 9, 1992. Director of Non-legislative and Financial Services replaced by Chief Administrative Officer of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Fourth Congress, Jan. 4, 1995.

§ 96a. Transfer of responsibility for legislative service organization financial activity to Clerk of House

The Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to take such action, whether by regulation or otherwise, to transfer to the Clerk of the House of Representatives responsibility for all financial activities of legislative service organizations, including the establishment and maintenance of revolving accounts to receive their dues and assessments and to make disbursements of their ordinary and necessary business expenses in support of Members’ official and representational duties. The transfer referred to in the preceding sentence shall take effect not later than January 1, 1994.

(Pub. L. 103-69, title III, §311, Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 712.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1994.

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on House Administration of House of Representatives treated as referring to Committee on House Oversight of House of Representatives by section 1(a) of Pub. L. 104-14, set out as a note preceding section 21 of this title.

WITHDRAWAL OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES AND LIQUIDATION OF UNPAID OBLIGATIONS

Pub. L. 104-53, title I, §106, Nov. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 521, provided that:

“(a) Notwithstanding the paragraph under the heading ‘GENERAL PROVISION’ in chapter XI of the Third Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1957 (2 U.S.C. 102a) or any other provision of law, effective on the date of the enactment of this section [Nov. 19, 1995], unexpended balances in accounts described in subsection (b) are withdrawn, with unpaid obligations to be liquidated in the manner provided in the second sentence of that paragraph.

“(b) The accounts referred to in subsection (a) are the House of Representatives legislative service organization revolving accounts under section 311 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1994 (2 U.S.C. 96a).”

§ 97. Temporary committee on accounts of House

The Speaker of the House of Representatives of each Congress shall, before the termination of the last session of each Congress, appoint, from the Representatives-elect, a temporary committee on accounts, of three members, which said committee on accounts shall have the same powers and perform the same duties in reference to payments made from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives of the next Congress as are authorized by law and the rules of the preceding House of Representatives. Said temporary committee on accounts shall begin to exercise its powers immediately upon the termination of the previous Congress, and shall continue to exercise and discharge said duties until after the meeting and organization of the House of Representatives of the succeeding Congress, and until the appointment of the regular committee on accounts.

All payments made out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives upon vouchers approved by said temporary committee on accounts shall be deemed, held, and taken, and are declared to be conclusive upon all the departments and auditing officers of the Government. (Mar. 2, 1895, ch. 177, § 1, 28 Stat. 768.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The regular committee on accounts, referred to in text, refers to the Committee on Accounts, which was merged into Committee on House Administration of House of Representatives, by act Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, § 121, 60 Stat. 822, effective Jan. 2, 1947. Committee on House Administration of House of Representatives treated as referring to Committee on House Oversight of House of Representatives by section 1(a) of Pub. L. 104-14, set out as a note preceding section 21 of this title.

§§ 98, 99. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section 98, act Mar. 3, 1885, ch. 360, 23 Stat. 512, related to contracts for horses for service of House of Representatives.

Section 99, act Mar. 3, 1891, ch. 541, § 1, 26 Stat. 914, related to contracts for horses and mail wagons for House of Representatives.

§ 100. Contracts for packing boxes for House

Packing boxes for the use of the House of Representatives shall be procured after advertisement for proposals therefor, under specifications to be prepared by the Clerk of the House, and from the lowest and best bidder to furnish the same.

(Mar. 3, 1901, ch. 830, § 1, 31 Stat. 967.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Certain functions of Clerk of House of Representatives transferred to Director of Non-legislative and Financial Services by section 7 of House Resolution No. 423, One Hundred Second Congress, Apr. 9, 1992. Director of Non-legislative and Financial Services replaced by Chief Administrative Officer of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Fourth Congress, Jan. 4, 1995.

§ 101. Subletting duties of employees of Senate or House

No employee of Congress, either in the Senate or House, shall sublet to, or hire, another to do

or perform any part of the duties or work attached to the position to which he was appointed.

(Mar. 2, 1895, ch. 177, § 1, 28 Stat. 771.)

CROSS REFERENCES

Requiring or permitting employees of House to sublet duties, see section 87 of this title.

§ 102. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section, R.S. §§ 60, 61; Pub. L. 86-628, § 105(c), July 12, 1960, 74 Stat. 461, required submission by Secretary of Senate and Clerk of House to two Houses of statements as to persons employed and as to expenditures and balances on hand and providing for printing of such reports as Senate and House documents. See section 104a of this title.

§ 102a. Withdrawal of unexpended balances of appropriations

Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, the unexpended balances of appropriations for the fiscal year 1955 and succeeding fiscal years which are subject to disbursement by the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be withdrawn as of June 30 of the second fiscal year following the year for which provided, except that the unexpended balances of such appropriations for the period commencing on July 1, 1976, and ending on September 30, 1976, and for each fiscal year beginning on or after October 1, 1976, shall be withdrawn as of September 30 of the second fiscal year following the period or year for which provided. Unpaid obligations chargeable to any of the balances so withdrawn or appropriations for prior years shall be liquidated from any appropriations for the same general purpose, which, at the time of payment, are available for disbursement.

(Pub. L. 85-58, ch. XI, June 21, 1957, 71 Stat. 190; Pub. L. 94-303, title I, § 118(a), June 1, 1976, 90 Stat. 615.)

AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-303 provided that unexpended balances for period commencing July 1, 1976, and ending Sept. 30, 1976, and for each fiscal year beginning on or after Oct. 1, 1976, be withdrawn as of Sept. 30 of second fiscal year following period or year for which provided.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Certain functions of Clerk of House of Representatives transferred to Director of Non-legislative and Financial Services by section 7 of House Resolution No. 423, One Hundred Second Congress, Apr. 9, 1992. Director of Non-legislative and Financial Services replaced by Chief Administrative Officer of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Fourth Congress, Jan. 4, 1995.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 40 section 188b-6.

§§ 103, 104. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section 103, R.S. § 62, authorized Secretary of Senate and Clerk of House to require disbursing officers subject to their authority to return analytical statements and receipts for expenditures and to communicate such