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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; Oct. 19, 1976, Pub. L. 94-553, title I, §105(g), 90 Stat. 2599; Dec. 22, 1987, Pub. L. 100-202, §101(i) [title III, §310], 101 Stat. 1329-290, 1329-310.)

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".

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.

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.)

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.)

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.

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 72a of this title.

CROSS REFERENCES

Librarian of Congress to make rules and regulations for government of library, see section 136 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.)

§ 132b. Joint Committee on the Library

The Joint Committee of Congress on the Library shall, on and after January 3, 1947, consist of the chairman and four members of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the chairman and four members of the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives.

(Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title II, §223, 60 Stat. 838; Aug. 20, 1996, Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §205, 110 Stat. 1742.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 substituted “House Oversight” for “House Administration”.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Jan. 3, 1947, see section 245 of act Aug. 2, 1946, set out as a note under section 72a of this title.

§ 133. Joint Committee during recess of Congress

The portion of the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library on the part of the Senate remaining in office as Senators shall during the recess of Congress exercise the powers and discharge the duties conferred by law upon the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library.

(Mar. 3, 1883, ch. 141, §2, 22 Stat. 592; Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title II, §223, 60 Stat. 838.)

AMENDMENTS

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

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 72a of this title.

§ 134. Incidental expenses of law library

The incidental expenses of the law library shall be paid out of the appropriations for the Library of Congress.

(R.S. §83.)

CODIFICATION

R.S. §83 derived from act July 14, 1832, ch. 221, §3, 4 Stat. 579.

§ 135. Purchase of books for law library

The Librarian shall make the purchases of books for the law library, under the direction of and pursuant to the catalogue furnished him by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

(R.S. §84.)

CODIFICATION

R.S. §84 derived from act July 14, 1832, ch. 221, §4, 4 Stat. 579.

§ 135a. Books and sound-reproduction records for blind and other physically handicapped residents; annual appropriations; purchases

There is authorized to be appropriated annually to the Library of Congress, in addition to appropriations otherwise made to said Library, such sums for expenditure under the direction of the Librarian of Congress as may be necessary to provide books published either in raised characters, on sound-reproduction recordings or in any other form, and for purchase, maintenance, and replacement of reproducers for such sound-reproduction recordings, for the use of the blind and for other physically handicapped residents of the United States, including the several States, Territories, insular possessions, and the District of Columbia, all of which books, recordings, and reproducers will remain the property of the Library of Congress but will be loaned to blind and to other physically handicapped readers certified by competent authority as unable to read normal printed material as a result of physical limitations, under regulations prescribed by the Librarian of Congress for this service. In the purchase of books in either raised characters or in sound-reproduction recordings the Librarian of Congress, without reference to the provisions of section 5 of title 41, shall give preference to nonprofit-making institutions or agencies whose activities are primarily concerned with the blind and with other physically handicapped persons, in all cases where the prices or bids submitted by such institutions or agencies are, by said Librarian, under all the circumstances and needs involved, determined to be fair and reasonable.

(Mar. 3, 1931, ch. 400, §1, 46 Stat. 1487; Mar. 4, 1933, ch. 279, 47 Stat. 1570; June 14, 1935, ch. 242,