

A prior section 77a, based on H. Res. No. 890, Ninety-second Congress, Oct. 4, 1972, enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 92-607, ch. V, §508, Oct. 31, 1972, 86 Stat. 1509, set forth the compensation of the Sergeant at Arms at equal to the annual rate of basic pay fixed for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 78. Duties of Sergeant at Arms

It shall be the duty of the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives to attend the House during its sittings, to maintain order under the direction of the Speaker, and, pending the election of a Speaker or Speaker pro tempore, under the direction of the Clerk, execute the commands of the House and all processes issued by authority thereof, directed to him by the Speaker.

(Oct. 1, 1890, ch. 1256, §1, 26 Stat. 645; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §204(25)(A), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1733.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 struck out “, keep the accounts for the pay and mileage of Members and Delegates, and pay them as provided by law” after “directed to him by the Speaker”.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Certain functions of Sergeant at Arms 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.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF SERGEANT AT ARMS

Pub. L. 104-53, title III, §313, Nov. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 538, provided that:

“(a) The Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives shall have the same law enforcement authority, including the authority to carry firearms, as a member of the Capitol Police. The law enforcement authority under the preceding sentence shall be subject to the requirement that the Sergeant at Arms have the qualifications specified in subsection (b).

“(b) The qualifications referred to in subsection (a) are the following:

“(1) A minimum of five years of experience as a law enforcement officer before beginning service as the Sergeant at Arms.

“(2) Current certification in the use of firearms by the appropriate Federal law enforcement entity or an equivalent non-Federal entity.

“(3) Any other firearms qualification required for members of the Capitol Police.

“(c) The Committee on House Oversight [now Committee on House Administration] of the House of Representatives shall have authority to prescribe regulations to carry out this section.”

§ 79. Symbol of office of Sergeant at Arms

The symbol of his office shall be the mace, which shall be borne by him while enforcing order on the floor.

(Oct. 1, 1890, ch. 1256, §2, 26 Stat. 645.)

§ 80. Disbursement of compensation of House Members by Chief Administrative Officer

The moneys which have been, or may be, appropriated for the compensation and mileage of Members and Delegates shall be paid at the

Treasury on requisitions drawn by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, and shall be kept, disbursed, and accounted for by him according to law, and he shall be a disbursing officer, but he shall not be entitled to any compensation additional to the salary fixed by law.

(Oct. 1, 1890, ch. 1256, §3, 26 Stat. 645; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §204(25)(B), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1734.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 substituted “Chief Administrative Officer” for “Sergeant-at-Arms”.

§ 80a. Deductions by Chief Administrative Officer in disbursement of gratuity appropriations

The Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives is authorized, in the disbursement of gratuity appropriations, to make deductions of such amounts as may be due to or through his office or as may be due the House of Representatives.

(May 29, 1928, ch. 853, §1, 45 Stat. 885; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §204(26), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1734.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 substituted “Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives” for “Sergeant-at-Arms of the House”.

§ 81. Repealed. Pub. L. 93-344, title V, §505(2), July 12, 1974, 88 Stat. 322

Section, act July 2, 1954, ch. 455, title I, 68 Stat. 400, directed that the fiscal year for the adjustment of the accounts of Sergeant at Arms of House for compensation and mileage of Members, Delegates, and Resident Commissioner extend from July 1 to June 30.

§§ 81a to 81c. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-186, title II, § 204(27)-(29), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1734

Section 81a, act July 26, 1949, ch. 366, 63 Stat. 482, related to audits and reports of fiscal records of Sergeant at Arms of House.

Section 81b, based on H. Res. No. 465, Eighty-fourth Congress, Apr. 11, 1956, enacted into permanent law by act June 27, 1956, ch. 453, title I, §103, 70 Stat. 370, related to payment from House contingent fund for restoration or adjustment of trust fund account of Sergeant at Arms.

Section 81c, based on H. Res. No. 144, Eighty-fifth Congress, Feb. 7, 1957, enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 85-75, title I, §103, July 1, 1957, 71 Stat. 256, related to purchase of and payment for insurance of office funds of Sergeant at Arms of House.

§ 82. Repealed. Pub. L. 92-310, title II, §220(d), (e), June 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 204

Section, acts Oct. 1, 1890, ch. 1256, §§4, 5, 26 Stat. 645, 646; Mar. 2, 1895, ch. 177, §5, 28 Stat. 807, required Sergeant at Arms of House of Representatives to give a bond in sum of \$50,000.

§ 83. Tenure of office of Sergeant at Arms

Any person duly elected and qualified as Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives shall continue in said office until his successor is chosen and qualified subject, however, to removal by the House of Representatives.

(Oct. 1, 1890, ch. 1256, §6, 26 Stat. 646.)

§§ 84, 84-1. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-186, title II, § 204(30), (31), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1734

Section 84, act Oct. 1, 1890, ch. 1256, §7, 26 Stat. 646, related to statement of disbursements by Sergeant at Arms.

Section 84-1, based on H. Res. No. 6, Ninety-eighth Congress, Jan. 3, 1983, enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 98-51, title I, §110, July 14, 1983, 97 Stat. 269, fixed compensation of Postmaster of House of Representatives.

A prior section 84-1, based on H. Res. No. 393, §3, Ninety-fifth Congress, Mar. 31, 1977, enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 95-94, title I, §115, Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 668, provided that per annum gross rate of compensation of Postmaster was to equal amount for level 13, step 5, of House Employees Schedule.

Another prior section 84-1, acts Aug. 5, 1955, ch. 568, §5, 69 Stat. 508; Dec. 16, 1967, Pub. L. 90-206, title II, §214(b), 81 Stat. 635, set forth compensation of Postmaster.

§ 84-2. Compensation of Chaplain of House

Effective May 1, 1977, and until otherwise provided by law, the per annum gross rate of compensation of the Chaplain of the House of Representatives shall be equal to the rate in effect from time to time for HS level 8, step 4, of the House Employees Schedule.

(Pub. L. 95-391, title I, §111, Sept. 30, 1978, 92 Stat. 777.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The House Employees Schedule, referred to in text, is provided for by section 293 of this title.

CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 3 of House Resolution No. 661, Ninety-fifth Congress, July 29, 1977, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 95-391.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 84-2, Pub. L. 88-426, title II, §203(f), Aug. 14, 1964, 78 Stat. 415; H. Res. 313, 89th Cong., Mar. 31, 1965, as enacted by Pub. L. 89-90, §103, July 27, 1965, 79 Stat. 281; Pub. L. 90-206, title II, §214(b), Dec. 16, 1967, 81 Stat. 635, provided that the compensation of Chaplain of House shall be at a gross per annum rate which is equal to the gross per annum rate of compensation of Chaplain of Senate, subject to further increases.

COMPENSATION OF INDIVIDUAL HOLDING POSITION OF CHAPLAIN OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON JULY 14, 1983

House Resolution No. 7, Ninety-sixth Congress, Jan. 15, 1979, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 98-51, title I, §111(1), July 14, 1983, 97 Stat. 269, to be effective during the period in which the position of Chaplain of the House of Representatives is held by the individual holding the position on July 14, 1983, provided that: "The compensation of the Chaplain of the House of Representatives shall be equivalent to the highest rate of basic pay as in effect from time to time of level IV of the Executive Schedule in Section 5315 of Title V [5], United States Code."

INCREASES IN COMPENSATION

Increases in compensation for House officers and employees under authority of Federal Salary Act of 1967 (Pub. L. 90-206), Federal Pay Comparability Act of 1970 (Pub. L. 91-656), and Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1988 (Pub. L. 100-202), see sections 60a-2 and 60a-2a of this title, and Salary Directives of Speaker of the House, set out as notes under those sections.

§§ 84-3, 84-4. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section 84-3, which related to compensation of Deputy Sergeant at Arms (charge of pairs), was based on House Resolution No. 138, Feb. 2, 1961, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 87-130, §103, Aug. 10, 1961, 75 Stat. 334. See section 291 et seq. of this title.

Section 84-4, which related to compensation of a clerk-messenger in office of Parliamentarian, was based on House Resolution No. 603, Apr. 16, 1962, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 88-248, §103, Dec. 30, 1963, 77 Stat. 817, and was omitted because a lump-sum appropriation is now made for the Office of Parliamentarian.

§ 84a. Reporters for House of Representatives

No person shall be employed as a reporter for the House of Representatives without the approval of the Speaker.

(R.S. §54.)

CODIFICATION

R.S. §54 derived from act Apr. 2, 1872, ch. 79, §3, 17 Stat. 47.

§ 84a-1. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-186, title II, § 204(32), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1734

Section, based on H. Res. No. 1495, Ninety-fourth Congress, Sept. 30, 1976, enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 95-94, title I, §115, Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 668; amended Pub. L. 101-509, title V, §529 [title I, §101(b)(4)(G)], Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1427, 1440, related to adjustment of compensation of Official Reporter of Debates and Official Reporter to Committees.

§ 84b. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section, acts July 17, 1947, ch. 262, 61 Stat. 365; Oct. 18, 1986, Pub. L. 99-500, §101(j), 100 Stat. 1783-287, and Oct. 30, 1986, Pub. L. 99-591, §101(j), 100 Stat. 3341-287; July 11, 1987, Pub. L. 100-71, title I, 101 Stat. 425, provided that on and after July 17, 1947, sums received from the sales of copies of transcripts of hearings of committees reported by such reporters be covered into the Treasury. See section 117e of this title.

Amendment of section by Pub. L. 99-500 and 99-591, as amended by Pub. L. 100-71, is based on section 104(b) of title I of H.R. 5203 (see House Report 99-805 as filed in the House on Aug. 15, 1986), and incorporated by reference in section 101(j) of Pub. L. 99-500 and 99-591, to be effective as if enacted into law. Pub. L. 99-591 is a corrected version of Pub. L. 99-500.

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in appropriation acts which were classified to section 117a of this title.

§§ 85 to 88a. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-186, title II, § 204(33), (34)(A), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1734

Section 85, act Mar. 3, 1901, ch. 830, §1, 31 Stat. 968, related to performance of duties by employees of House.

Section 86, act Mar. 3, 1901, ch. 830, §1, 31 Stat. 968, related to division of salaries of employees of House.

Section 87, act Mar. 3, 1901, ch. 830, §1, 31 Stat. 968, related to requiring or permitting employees of House to sublet duties.

Section 88, act Mar. 3, 1901, ch. 830, §1, 31 Stat. 968, prescribed age limits of twelve and eighteen for service as pages in House of Representatives but made the restriction inapplicable to chief pages, riding pages, and telephone pages. See section 88b-1(b) of this title.

Section 88a, act Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title II, §243, 60 Stat. 839, related to education of Congressional and Supreme Court pages, authorized appropriations, and allowed pages to elect to attend private or parochial schools.