

(Pub. L. 93–371, § 3, Aug. 13, 1974, 88 Stat. 428; Pub. L. 94–32, title I, § 4, June 12, 1975, 89 Stat. 183; Pub. L. 94–59, title I, §§ 106(a), 107, July 25, 1975, 89 Stat. 276; Pub. L. 95–26, title I, § 105, May 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 83; Pub. L. 95–94, title I, § 112(d), Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 664; Pub. L. 96–304, title I, § 109, July 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 890; Pub. L. 99–88, title I, § 194, Aug. 15, 1985, 99 Stat. 349; Pub. L. 102–27, title II, Apr. 10, 1991, 105 Stat. 144; Pub. L. 102–90, title I, § 7(b), Aug. 14, 1991, 105 Stat. 451; Pub. L. 104–197, title I, § 3, Sept. 16, 1996, 110 Stat. 2397; Pub. L. 106–57, title I, § 3, Sept. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 411.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 3 of Pub. L. 93–371. Subsec. (e) of section 3 of Pub. L. 93–371 amended section 58 of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

1999—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 106–57, § 3(1)(A), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: “4,800 square feet if the population of his State is less than 2,000,000;”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 106–57, § 3(1)(A), (C), redesignated par. (3) as (2) and struck out former par. (2) which read as follows: “5,000 square feet if such population is 2,000,000 but less than 3,000,000;”.

Subsec. (b)(3) to (12). Pub. L. 106–57, § 3(1)(C), redesignated pars. (4) to (13) as (3) to (12), respectively. Former par. (3) redesignated (2).

Subsec. (b)(13). Pub. L. 106–57, § 3(1)(C), redesignated par. (13) as (12).

Pub. L. 106–57, § 3(1)(B), substituted “8,200” for “8,000”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 106–57, § 3(2), substituted “\$40,000” for “\$30,000”, “5,000 square feet” for “4,800 square feet”, and “\$1,000” for “\$734” and inserted at end “Effective beginning with the 106th Congress, the aggregate amount in effect under this paragraph for any Congress shall be increased by the inflation adjustment factor for the calendar year in which the Congress begins. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the inflation adjustment factor for any calendar year is a fraction the numerator of which is the implicit price deflator for the gross domestic product as computed and published by the Department of Commerce for the preceding calendar year and the denominator of which is such deflator for the calendar year 1998.”

1996—Subsec. (f)(1). Pub. L. 104–197 substituted “3 years” for “one year” in second sentence.

1991—Subsec. (f)(1). Pub. L. 102–90, § 7(b)(1), substituted “the contingent fund of the Senate is available for the rental payments (including by way of reimbursement)” for “shall be reimbursed from the contingent fund of the Senate for the rental payments”.

Subsec. (f)(2). Pub. L. 102–90, § 7(b)(2), substituted “paid” for “reimbursed”.

Subsec. (f)(3). Pub. L. 102–90, § 7(b)(3), substituted “payment” for “reimbursement”.

Subsec. (f)(3)(B). Pub. L. 102–27 added subpar. (B) and struck out former subpar. (B) which read as follows: “The following inscription shall be clearly visible on three sides of such mobile office in letters not less than four inches high:

“‘Mobile Office of Senator (name of Senator)

“‘FOR OFFICIAL OFFICE USE ONLY’.”

Subsec. (f)(4). Pub. L. 102–90, § 7(b)(4), substituted “payment” for “reimbursement”.

Subsec. (f)(5). Pub. L. 102–90, § 7(b)(5), substituted “Payment” for “Reimbursement”.

1985—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 99–88 substituted “\$30,000” for “\$22,550” and “\$734” for “\$550”.

1980—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 96–304, § 109(1), substituted provision limiting term of a lease of office space to a term not extending beyond the term of office which Senator is serving on first day of such lease, except in case of a Senator whose term is expiring and who has

been elected to another term, to end of term for which he has been so elected, for provision limiting term of a lease of office space to a term of not to exceed one year and inserted provision requiring each lease to contain a provision permitting cancellation upon sixty days written notification by Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of Senate, in event of death or resignation of Senator.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 96–304, § 109(2), substituted “shall not exceed the highest rate per square foot charged Federal agencies on the first day of the lease of such office” for “shall not at any time exceed the applicable rate per square foot charged Federal agencies”.

1977—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 95–94 substituted “\$22,550” for “\$20,500” and “\$550” for “\$500”.

Subsec. (f)(5). Pub. L. 95–26 substituted “monthly” for “quarterly”.

1975—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94–59, § 107, designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 94–59, § 106(a), designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

Subsecs. (f), (g). Pub. L. 94–32 added subsec. (f) and redesignated former subsec. (f) as (g).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1991 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102–90 effective Oct. 1, 1991, see section 7(c) of Pub. L. 102–90, set out as a note under section 58 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Section 109 of Pub. L. 96–304 provided that the amendment made by that section is effective Jan. 1, 1980.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1977 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95–94 effective Aug. 5, 1977, see section 112(f) of Pub. L. 95–94, set out as a note under section 58 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1975 AMENDMENT

Section 106(b) of Pub. L. 94–59 provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) of this section [amending this section] is effective on and after July 1, 1975.”

### § 59–1. Additional home State office space for Senators; declaration of disaster or emergency

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation, with the approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate is authorized to provide additional facilities, services, equipment, and office space for use by a Senator in that Senator’s State in connection with a disaster or emergency declared by the President under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act [42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.]. Expenses incurred by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate under this section shall be paid from the appropriation account, within the contingent fund of the Senate, for expenses of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, upon vouchers signed by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate with the approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

(b) This section is effective on and after June 12, 1997.

(Pub. L. 105–18, title II, § 7002, June 12, 1997, 111 Stat. 192.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub.

L. 93-288, May 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 143, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 68 (§5121 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 5121 of Title 42 and Tables.

**§ 59a. Repealed. Pub. L. 101-163, title I, § 103(b), Nov. 21, 1989, 103 Stat. 1050**

Section, Pub. L. 93-462, §1, Oct. 20, 1974, 88 Stat. 1388, related to purchase of office equipment or furnishings by House Members.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL**

Repeal effective Oct. 1, 1989, see section 103(c) of Pub. L. 101-163, set out as an Effective Date of 1989 Amendment note under section 117e of this title.

**§ 59b. Purchase of office equipment or furnishings by Senators**

**(a) Authorization; conditions**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a United States Senator may purchase, upon leaving office or otherwise ceasing to be a Senator (except by expulsion), any item or items of office equipment or office furnishings provided by the General Services Administration and then currently located and in use in an office of such Senator in the State then represented by such Senator.

**(b) Request by Senator and arrangement for purchase by Sergeant at Arms of Senate; regulations governing purchase; price**

At the request of any United States Senator, the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate shall arrange for and make the purchase of equipment and furnishings under subsection (a) of this section on behalf of such Senator. Each such purchase shall be—

(1) in accordance with regulations which shall be prescribed by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, after consultation with the General Services Administration; and

(2) at a price equal to the acquisition cost to the Federal Government of the equipment or furnishings so purchased, less allowance for depreciation determined under such regulations, but in no instance less than the fair market value of such items.

**(c) Remittance of amounts received to General Services Administration; disposition**

Amounts received by the Federal Government from the sale of items of office equipment or office furnishings under this section shall be remitted to the General Services Administration and credited to the appropriate account or accounts.

(Pub. L. 93-462, §2, Oct. 20, 1974, 88 Stat. 1388.)

**§ 59c. Transferred**

**CODIFICATION**

Section, Pub. L. 95-94, title I, §103, Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 660; Pub. L. 97-51, §118, Oct. 1, 1981, 95 Stat. 964, which related to disposal of used or surplus furniture and equipment by Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of Senate, and procedure with respect to deposit of receipts from sale of such furniture and equipment, was transferred to section 117b of this title.

**§ 59d. Transportation of official records and papers to House Member's district**

**(a) Payment of reasonable expenses from applicable accounts of House; rules and regulations**

Effective August 16, 1978, notwithstanding any provision of law and until otherwise provided by law, the applicable accounts of the House shall be available to pay the reasonable expenses of sending or transporting the official records and papers of any Member of the House of Representatives from the District of Columbia to any location designated by such Member in the district represented by the Member.

The Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to provide for the most economical means of sending or transporting such documents to insure the orderly and timely delivery to the specified location. The Committee on House Oversight shall have the authority to issue rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

**(b) "Member of the House of Representatives" and "official records and papers" defined**

As used in this section—

(1) the term "Member of the House of Representatives" means a Representative in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress; and

(2) the term "official records and papers" means books, records, papers, and official files which could be sent as franked mail.

(Pub. L. 98-51, title I, §111(1), July 14, 1983, 97 Stat. 269; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §203(21), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1728.)

**CODIFICATION**

In subsec. (a), "August 16, 1978" substituted for "upon the date of adoption of this resolution" meaning the date of adoption of House Resolution No. 1297, which was agreed to Aug. 16, 1978.

Section is based on House Resolution No. 1297, Ninety-fifth Congress, Aug. 16, 1978, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 98-51.

Sections 1 and 2 of House Resolution No. 1297 were redesignated subsecs. (a) and (b) of this section, respectively, for purposes of codification.

**AMENDMENTS**

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-186, §203(21)(A)-(C), substituted "applicable accounts" for "contingent fund" in first par. and "Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives" for "Clerk of the House of Representatives" and "House Oversight" for "House Administration" in second par.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 104-186, §203(21)(D), amended par. (1) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (1) read as follows: "the term 'Member' means a Representative, a Resident Commissioner in the House, and a Delegate to the House; and".

**CHANGE OF NAME**

Committee on House Oversight of House of Representatives changed to Committee on House Administration of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Sixth Congress, Jan. 6, 1999.

**§ 59e. Official mail of persons entitled to use congressional frank**

**(a) Congressional committee regulations for expenditure of appropriations for official mail**

Except as otherwise provided in this section, funds appropriated by this Act or any other Act