

representatives, as appropriate, appointed by the Senate or House of Representatives co-chairman of the Commission, respectively.

(7) One Senator appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate and one Senator appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

(8) One Member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one Member of the House of Representatives appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

(c) Designees

Each member of the Commission specified under subsection (b) of this section (other than a member under paragraph (7) or (8) of such subsection) may designate a Senator or Member of the House of Representatives, as the case may be, to serve as a member of the Commission in place of the member so specified.

(d) Architect of the Capitol

In addition to the members under subsection (b) of this section, the Architect of the Capitol shall participate in the activities of the Commission, ex officio, and without the right to vote.

(e) Staff support and assistance

The Senate Commission on Art, the House of Representatives Fine Arts Board, and the Architect of the Capitol shall provide to the Commission such staff support and assistance as the Commission may request.

(Pub. L. 100-696, title VIII, §801, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4608; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §221(7), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1749.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 104-186 substituted “House Oversight” for “House Administration”.

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.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 188a-1, 188a-2, 188a-5 of this title.

§ 188a-1. Authority of Commission to accept gifts and conduct other transactions relating to works of fine art and other property

(a) In general

In carrying out the purposes referred to in section 188a(a) of this title the Commission is authorized—

- (1) to accept gifts of works of fine art, gifts of other property, and gifts of money; and
- (2) to acquire property, administer property, dispose of property, and conduct other transactions related to such purposes.

(b) Transfer and disposition of works of fine art and other property

The Commission shall, with respect to works of fine art and other property received by the Commission—

- (1) in consultation with the Joint Committee on the Library, the Senate Commission on

Art, or the House of Representatives Fine Arts Board, as the case may be, transfer such property to the entity consulted;

(2) if a transfer described in paragraph (1) is not appropriate, dispose of the work of fine art by sale or other transaction; and

(3) in the case of property that is not directly related to the purposes referred to in section 188a(a) of this title, dispose of such property by sale or other transaction.

(c) Requirements for conduct of transactions

In conducting transactions under this section, the Commission shall—

(1) accept money only in the form of a check or similar instrument made payable to the Treasury of the United States and shall deposit any such check or instrument in accordance with section 188a-2 of this title;

(2) in making sales and engaging in other property transactions, take into consideration market conditions and other relevant factors; and

(3) assure that each transaction is directly related to the purposes referred to in section 188a(a) of this title.

(Pub. L. 100-696, title VIII, §802, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4609; Pub. L. 101-302, title III, §312(a), May 25, 1990, 104 Stat. 245.)

AMENDMENTS

1990—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 101-302 amended par. (1) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (1) read as follows: “upon agreement with the Joint Committee on the Library, the Senate Commission on Art, or the House of Representatives Fine Arts Board, as the case may be, transfer such property to the entity with which the agreement is made;”.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 188a, 188a-2, 188a-5, 188c-1 of this title.

§ 188a-2. Capitol Preservation Fund

(a) In general

There is established in the Treasury a fund, to be known as the “Capitol Preservation Fund” (hereafter in sections 188a to 188a-5 of this title referred to as the “fund”), which shall consist of (1) amounts deposited, and interest and proceeds credited, under subsection (d) of this section, (2) obligations obtained under subsection (e) of this section, and (3) all surcharges received by the Secretary of the Treasury from the sale of coins minted under the Bicentennial of the United States Congress Commemorative Coin Act.

(b) Availability of fund

The fund shall be available to the Commission—

(1) for payment of transaction costs and similar expenses incurred under section 188a-1 of this title;

(2) subject to the approval of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, for improvement and preservation projects for the United States Capitol;

(3) for disbursement with respect to works of fine art and other property as provided in section 188a-1 of this title; and

(4) for such other payments as may be required to carry out section 188a of this title or section 188a-1 of this title.

(c) Transaction costs and proportionality

In carrying out this section, the Commission shall, to the extent practicable, take such action as may be necessary—

(1) to minimize disbursements under subsection (b)(1) of this section; and

(2) to equalize disbursements under subsection (b) of this section between the Senate and the House of Representatives.

(d) Deposits, credits, and disbursements

The Commission shall deposit in the fund gifts of money and proceeds of transactions under section 188a-1 of this title. The Secretary of the Treasury shall credit to the fund the interest on, and the proceeds from sale or redemption of, obligations held in the fund. Disbursements from the fund shall be made on vouchers approved by the Commission and signed by the co-chairmen.

(e) Investments

The Secretary of the Treasury shall invest any portion of the fund that, as determined by the Commission, is not required to meet current withdrawals. Each investment shall be made in an interest bearing obligation of the United States or an obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States that, as determined by the Commission has a maturity suitable for the fund. In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary may make such purchases, sales, and redemptions of obligations as may be approved by the Commission.

(Pub. L. 100-696, title VIII, § 803, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4609; Pub. L. 101-302, title III, § 312(b), May 25, 1990, 104 Stat. 245.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Bicentennial of the United States Congress Commemorative Coin Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 100-673, Nov. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 3992, which is set out as a note under section 5112 of Title 31, Money and Finance.

AMENDMENTS

1990—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 101-302, § 312(b)(1), struck out “subject to the approval, except for the purchase of fine art and antiques, of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate, respectively” after “The fund shall be available to the Commission”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 101-302, § 312(b)(2), inserted “subject to the approval of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate,” before “For improvement”.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 188a, 188a-1, 188a-5 of this title.

§ 188a-3. Audits by the Comptroller General

The Comptroller General shall conduct annual audits of the transactions of the Commission and shall report the results of each audit to the Congress.

(Pub. L. 100-696, title VIII, § 804, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4610.)

TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of provisions in this section relating to the requirement that the

Comptroller General report the results of annual audits to Congress, see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and page 2 of House Document No. 103-7.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 188a, 188a-2, 188a-5 of this title.

§ 188a-4. Advisory boards

The Commission may establish appropriate boards to provide advice and assistance to the Commission and to further the purposes of the Commission. The boards shall be composed of members (including chairmen) who shall be appointed by the Commission from public and private life and shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission and each co-chairman of the Commission may appoint one member to any such board. The members of boards under this section may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of the boards, at the discretion of the Commission.

(Pub. L. 100-696, title VIII, § 805, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4610.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 188a, 188a-2, 188a-5 of this title.

§ 188a-5. “Member of the House of Representatives” defined

As used in sections 188a to 188a-5 of this title, the term “Member of the House of Representatives” means a Representative in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.

(Pub. L. 100-696, title VIII, § 806, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4610.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 188a, 188a-2 of this title.

§ 188b. 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 Commission shall elect a Chairman and a Vice Chairman at the beginning of each Congress. 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 Commission¹

¹ So in original. Probably should be followed by a period.