

**§ 295. Operation of public utility communications services serving governmental activities**

The Administrator of General Services is authorized to provide and operate public utility communications services serving one or more governmental activities, in and outside the District of Columbia, where it is found that such services are economical and in the interest of the Government. This section does not apply to communications systems for handling messages of a confidential or secret nature, or to the operation of cryptographic equipment or transmission of secret, security, or coded messages, or to buildings operated or occupied by the United States Postal Service, except upon request of the department or agency concerned.

(June 14, 1946, ch. 404, §7, 60 Stat. 258; June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title I, §103(a), 63 Stat. 380; Pub. L. 91-375, §§4(a), 6(o), Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 773, 783.)

CHANGE OF NAME

“United States Postal Service” substituted in text for “Post Office Department” pursuant to Pub. L. 91-375 which abolished Post Office Department, transferred its functions to United States Postal Service, and provided that references in other laws to Post Office Department shall be considered a reference to United States Postal Service.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of office of Commissioner of Public Buildings and Public Buildings Administration transferred to Administrator of General Services by section 103(a) of act June 30, 1949, which is classified to section 753(a) of this title. Office of Commissioner of Public Buildings and Public Buildings Administration abolished by section 103(b) of act June 30, 1949.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions by act June 30, 1949, effective July 1, 1949, see section 605 of act June 30, 1949, set out as an Effective Date note under section 471 of this title.

**§ 296. Transfer of administrative expenses into special account**

In the prosecution of construction projects or planning programs assigned to the Administrator of General Services for which funds are provided by direct appropriation or transferred under authority contained in section 265 of this title, an amount administratively determined as necessary for the payment of salaries and expenses of personnel engaged upon the preparation of plans and specifications, field supervision, and general office expense, may be transferred and consolidated on the books of the Treasury Department into a special account for direct expenditure in the prosecution of said work, such expenditures to be subsequently allocated and reported upon by projects in accordance with procedures prescribed by the General Accounting Office.

(June 14, 1946, ch. 404, §9, 60 Stat. 259; June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title I, §103(a), 63 Stat. 380.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 265 of this title, referred to in text, was repealed by Pub. L. 86-249, §17(11), Sept. 9, 1959, 73 Stat. 485.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of office of Commissioner of Public Buildings and Public Buildings Administration transferred

to Administrator of General Services by section 103(a) of act June 30, 1949, which is classified to section 753(a) of this title. Office of Commissioner of Public Buildings and Public Buildings Administration abolished by section 103(b) of act June 30, 1949.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions by act June 30, 1949, effective July 1, 1949, see section 605 of act June 30, 1949, set out as an Effective Date note under section 471 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 490, 490a of this title.

**§§ 297 to 298. Repealed. Pub. L. 86-249, §17(18), Sept. 9, 1959, 73 Stat. 486**

Section 297, act June 16, 1949, ch. 218, title III, §301, 63 Stat. 198, related to renovation and improvement of Federal buildings outside District of Columbia. See section 601 et seq. of this title.

Section 297a, act June 16, 1949, ch. 218, title III, §302, 63 Stat. 198, authorized appropriations for carrying out purposes of section 297 of this title.

Section 298, act June 16, 1949, ch. 218, title IV, §401, 63 Stat. 198, provided for employment of architectural, professional, or technical firms or individuals, and authorized holding of competitions for project designs. See section 601 et seq. of this title.

SAVINGS PROVISION

Sections repealed except as to their application to any project referred to in section 613 of this title, see section 17 of Pub. L. 86-249, set out as a note under section 341 of this title.

**§ 298a. Acceptance of gifts of real, personal, or other property**

The Administrator of General Services, together with the United States Postal Service where that office is concerned, is authorized to accept on behalf of the United States unconditional gifts of real, personal, or other property in aid of any project or function within their respective jurisdictions.

(June 16, 1949, ch. 218, title IV, §404, 63 Stat. 199; June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title I, §103(a), 63 Stat. 380; Pub. L. 91-375, §4(a), Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 773.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of Federal Works Agency and of all agencies thereof, together with functions of Federal Works Administrator transferred to Administrator of General Services by section 103(a) of act June 30, 1949, which is classified to section 753(a) of this title. Federal Works Agency and office of Federal Works Administrator abolished by section 103(b) of act June 30, 1949.

“United States Postal Service” and “that office” substituted for “Postmaster General” and “his office”, respectively, in text pursuant to Pub. L. 91-375 which abolished office of Postmaster General of Post Office Department and transferred its functions to United States Postal Service.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions by act June 30, 1949, effective July 1, 1949, see section 605 of act June 30, 1949, set out as an Effective Date note under section 471 of this title.

REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ACTS

Section 413 [formerly section 411] of act June 16, 1949, 63 Stat. 200, as redesignated by acts July 22, 1954, ch. 560, §101, 68 Stat. 518, and July 12, 1955, ch. 331, 69 Stat. 297, provided that: “All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent or in conflict with the foregoing provisions [en-

acting this section and sections 37a, 297, 297a, 298, 298b to 298d, and 352 to 356a of this title and amending section 345 of this title] are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.”

**§ 298b. Administrator of General Services to furnish services in continental United States to international bodies**

The provisions of sections 1535 and 1536 of title 31, are extended to authorize the Administrator of General Services to furnish services in the continental United States, on the basis of full reimbursement, at the request of the State Department, to any international body with which the United States Government is affiliated.

(June 16, 1949, ch. 218, title IV, §405, 63 Stat. 199; June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title I, §103(a), 63 Stat. 380.)

CODIFICATION

“Sections 1535 and 1536 of title 31” substituted in text for “section 601 of the Economy Act, approved June 30, 1932, as amended [31 U.S.C. 686]” on authority of Pub. L. 97-258, §4(b), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1067, the first section of which enacted Title 31, Money and Finance.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of office of Commissioner of Public Buildings Administration transferred to Administrator of General Services by section 103(a) of act June 30, 1949, which is classified to section 753(a) of this title. Office of Commissioner of Public Buildings and Public Buildings Administration abolished by section 103(b) of act June 30, 1949.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions by act June 30, 1949, effective July 1, 1949, see section 605 of act June 30, 1949, set out as an Effective Date note under section 471 of this title.

**§ 298c. Repealed. Pub. L. 86-249, § 17(18), Sept. 9, 1959, 73 Stat. 486**

Section, act June 16, 1949, ch. 218, title IV, §406, 63 Stat. 199, authorized expenditure of not more than \$1,800 for landscaping of grounds of any public building.

SAVINGS PROVISION

Section repealed except as to its application to any project referred to in section 613 of this title, see section 17 of Pub. L. 86-249, set out as a note under section 341 of this title.

**§ 298d. Naming and renaming of buildings**

The Administrator of General Services is authorized, notwithstanding any other provision of law, to name, rename, or otherwise designate any building under the custody and control of the General Services Administration, regardless of whether it was previously named by statute.

(June 16, 1949, ch. 218, title IV, §410, 63 Stat. 200; June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title I, §103(a), 63 Stat. 380; Pub. L. 85-542, July 18, 1958, 72 Stat. 399.)

AMENDMENTS

1958—Pub. L. 85-542 struck out requirement of approval by Bureau of the Budget for change or rechange of name or designation.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of Federal Works Agency and of all agencies thereof, together with functions of Federal Works Administrator transferred to Administrator of General Services by section 103(a) of act June 30, 1949, which is classified to section 753(a) of this title. Federal Works

Agency and office of Federal Works Administrator abolished by section 103(b) of act June 30, 1949.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions by act June 30, 1949, effective July 1, 1949, see section 605 of act June 30, set out as an Effective Date note under section 471 of this title.

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