

the Architect of the Capitol may transfer to the Chief Administrative Officer amounts made available to the Architect for necessary expenses for the maintenance, care and operation of the House office buildings during a fiscal year in order to cover any portion of the costs incurred by the Chief Administrative Officer during the year in acquiring a building or facility pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

**(e) Effective date**

This section and the amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2002 and each succeeding fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 107–117, div. B, §903, Jan. 10, 2002, 115 Stat. 2317.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For the amendments made by this section, referred to in subsec. (e), see Codification note below.

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 903 of Pub. L. 107–117. Subsec. (c)(2) of section 903 of Pub. L. 107–117 amended section 212a of this title.

**§ 176. Speaker as member of House Office Building commission**

The Speaker shall continue a member of the commission in control of said building until his successor as Speaker is elected or his term as a Representative in Congress shall have expired.

(Mar. 4, 1911, ch. 240, 36 Stat. 1306.)

CODIFICATION

Section is based on act Mar. 4, 1911, popularly known as the “Deficiency Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1911”.

**§ 177. Assignment of rooms in House Office Building**

The assignment of rooms in the House Office Building, made prior to May 28, 1908, by resolution or order of the House of Representatives, shall continue in force until modified or changed in accordance with the provisions of sections 177 to 184 of this title, and the room so assigned to any Representative shall continue to be held by such Representative as his individual office room so long as he shall remain a Member or Member-elect of the House of Representatives, or until he shall relinquish the same, subject, however, to the provisions of said sections, and no Representative shall allow his office room to be used for any other purpose.

(May 28, 1908, No. 30, 35 Stat. 578.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 182, 183 of this title.

**§ 178. Vacant rooms; assignment to Representatives**

Any Member or Member-elect of the House of Representatives may file with the Architect of the Capitol a request in writing that any individual office room be assigned to him whenever it shall become vacant. If only one such request has been made for any room which shall at any time have become vacant, the room shall be assigned as requested. If two or more requests are

made for the same vacant room, preference shall be given to the Representative making the request who has been longest in continuous service as a Member and Member-elect of the House of Representatives. If two or more Representatives with equal length of continuous service, or two or more Representatives-elect make request for the same room, preference shall be given to the one first preferring his request.

(May 28, 1908, No. 30, 35 Stat. 578; Mar. 3, 1921, ch. 124, 41 Stat. 1291.)

CHANGE OF NAME

Change of name of Architect of the Capitol, functions abolished, transferred, etc., by prior acts, see Codification and Prior Provisions notes set out under section 161 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 177, 182, 183 of this title.

**§ 179. Vacant rooms; withdrawal by Representatives of request for assignment; relinquishment of rooms previously assigned**

A Representative or Representative-elect making request for the assignment of a vacant room may withdraw the same at any time and no one shall have pending at the same time more than one such request. The assignment of a new room to a Representative, upon his request, or the appointment of any Representative having an individual office room as chairman of a committee having a committee room, shall act as a relinquishment by him of the room previously assigned to him.

(May 28, 1908, No. 30, 35 Stat. 578.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 177, 182, 183 of this title.

**§ 180. Exchange of rooms**

Representatives having rooms assigned to them in the foregoing manner may exchange rooms one with another, but such exchange shall be valid only so long as both Members making the exchange shall remain continuously Members or Members-elect of the House of Representatives.

(May 28, 1908, No. 30, 35 Stat. 578.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 177, 182, 183 of this title.

**§ 181. Record of assignment of rooms, etc.**

The Architect of Capitol shall keep a record of the assignment of rooms made, exchanges which may be made, requests for vacant rooms which may be filed, and the assignment thereof, which record shall be open for the inspection of Representatives or Representatives-elect of the House.

(May 28, 1908, No. 30, 35 Stat. 579; Mar. 3, 1921, ch. 124, 41 Stat. 1291.)

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