

tration 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”.

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER FUNDING

Pub. L. 107-117, div. B, §913, Jan. 10, 2002, 115 Stat. 2324, provided that:

“(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the United States Capitol Preservation Commission established under section 801 of the Arizona-Idaho Conservation Act of 1988 (40 U.S.C. 188a) may transfer to the Architect of the Capitol amounts in the Capitol Preservation Fund established under section 803 of such Act (40 U.S.C. 188a-2) if the amounts are to be used by the Architect for the planning, engineering, design, or construction of the Capitol Visitor Center.

“(b) Any amounts transferred pursuant to subsection (a) shall remain available for the use of the Architect of the Capitol until expended.

“(c) This section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2002 and each succeeding fiscal year.”

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

(c) Selection of Curator of Art and Antiquities of the Senate; availability of professional and clerical assistance

The Commission shall select a Curator of Art and Antiquities of the Senate who shall be appointed by and be an employee of the Secretary of the Senate. The Curator shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission, shall perform such duties as it may prescribe, and shall receive compensation at a gross rate, not to exceed \$22,089 per annum to be fixed by the Commission. At the request of the Commission the Secretary of the Senate shall detail to the Commission such additional professional, clerical, and other assistants as, from time to time, it deems necessary.

(d) Hearings and meetings

The Commission shall be empowered to hold hearings, summon witnesses, administer oaths, employ reporters, request the production of papers and records, take such testimony, and adopt such rules for the conduct of its hearings and meetings, as it deems necessary.

(Pub. L. 100-696, title IX, §901(a), (b)(1), (3), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4610, 4611.)

CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 1 of Senate Resolution No. 382, Ninetieth Congress, Oct. 1, 1968, which was enacted into permanent law and amended by Pub. L. 100-696.

AMENDMENTS

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-696, §901(b)(3), substituted “Senate Commission on Art” for “Commission on Art and Antiquities of the United States Senate”.

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