

Section 88, act Mar. 3, 1901, ch. 830, §1, 31 Stat. 968, prescribed age limits of twelve and eighteen for service as pages in House of Representatives but made the restriction inapplicable to chief pages, riding pages, and telephone pages. See section 88b-1(b) of this title.

Section 88a, act Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title II, §243, 60 Stat. 839, related to education of Congressional and Supreme Court pages, authorized appropriations, and allowed pages to elect to attend private or parochial schools.

§ 88b. Education of other minors who are Senate employees

The facilities provided for the education of Congressional and Supreme Court pages shall be available from and after January 2, 1947, also for the education of such other minors who are Senate employees as may be certified by the Secretary of the Senate to receive such education.

(Mar. 22, 1947, ch. 20, title I, 61 Stat. 16; Pub. L. 98-367, title I, §103, July 17, 1984, 98 Stat. 479; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §204(35), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1735.)

CODIFICATION

The first paragraph of this section is based on act Mar. 22, 1947.

The second paragraph was based on H. Res. No. 279, Ninety-eighth Congress, July 21, 1983, enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 98-367. See 1996 Amendment note below.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186, in first par., substituted “Senate employees” for “congressional employees” and struck out “and the Clerk of the House of Representatives” after “Secretary of the Senate”, and struck out second par. which read as follows: “This section shall not apply to any minor who is an employee of the House of Representatives or to any educational facility under the House of Representatives Page Board.”

§ 88b-1. Congressional pages

(a) Appointment conditions

A person shall not be appointed as a page of the Senate or House of Representatives—

(1) unless he agrees that, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances preventing his service as a page after his appointment, he will continue to serve as a page for the period specified in writing at the time of the appointment; and

(2) until complete information in writing is transmitted to his parent or parents, his legal guardian, or other appropriate person or persons acting as his parent or parents, with respect to the nature of the work of pages, their pay, their working conditions (including hours and scheduling of work), and the housing accommodations available to pages.

(b) Qualifications

A person shall not serve as a page—

(1) of the Senate before he has attained the age of sixteen years; or

(2) of the House of Representatives before he has attained the age of sixteen years.

(Pub. L. 91-510, title IV, §491(a)-(d), Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1198; Pub. L. 97-51, §§101(c), 123, Oct. 1, 1981, 95 Stat. 959, 965; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §204(36), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1735; Pub. L. 108-447, div. G, title I, §9, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3170.)

CODIFICATION

Repeal of subsecs. (c) and (d) of this section is based on section 304(a) of H.R. 4120, as reported July 9, 1981, which was enacted into permanent law by section 101(c) of Pub. L. 97-51 and amended by section 123 of Pub. L. 97-51.

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 108-447 substituted “sixteen” for “fourteen”.

1996—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 104-186, §204(36)(A), substituted “the period specified in writing at the time of the appointment” for “a period of not less than two months”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-186, §204(36)(B), substituted a period for “; or” at end of par. (2) and struck out concluding provisions which read as follows: “(except in the case of a chief page, telephone page, or riding page) during any session of the Congress which begins after he has attained the age of eighteen years.”

1981—Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 97-51 struck out subsecs. (c) and (d) which had provided, respectively, that pay of pages of the Senate began not more than five days before the convening or reconvening of a session of the Congress or of the Senate and continued until the end of the month during which the Congress or the Senate adjourned or recessed or until the fourteenth day after such adjournment or recess, whichever was the later date, except that, in any case in which the Congress or the Senate adjourned or recessed on or before the last day of July for a period of at least thirty days but not more than forty-five days, such pay would continue until the end of such period of adjournment or recess, and that the pay of pages of the House of Representatives began not more than five days before the convening of a session of the Congress and continued until the end of the month during which the Congress adjourned sine die or recessed or until the fourteenth day after such adjournment or recess, whichever was the later date, except that, in any case in which the House adjourned or recessed on or before the last day of July in any year for a period of at least thirty days but not more than forty-five days, such pay would continue until the end of such period of adjournment or recess.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Subsecs. (a), (c), and (d) of this section effective immediately prior to noon on Jan. 3, 1971, see section 601(1) of Pub. L. 91-510, set out as an Effective Date of 1970 Amendment note under section 72a of this title.

Section 491(f) of Pub. L. 91-510 provided that: “Subsection (b) of this section shall become effective on January 3, 1971, but the provisions of such subsection limiting service as a page to persons who have attained the age of sixteen years shall not be construed to prohibit the continued service of any page appointed prior to the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 26, 1970].”

PAY OF PAGES BETWEEN RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT

Prior to the repeal of subsecs. (c) and (d) of section 88b-1 of this title by Pub. L. 97-51, provisions for continuing the pay of pages of the Senate and House of Representatives during specific periods of recess or adjournment of Congress by making such subsecs. (b) and (c) inapplicable to the pay of pages during such periods, were contained in the following appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 97-12, title I, June 5, 1981, 95 Stat. 65.

Pub. L. 96-536, §101(c), Dec. 16, 1980, 94 Stat. 3167.

Pub. L. 96-38, title III, §303, July 25, 1979, 93 Stat. 142. Subsequently repealed by Pub. L. 97-51, §§101(c), 123, Oct. 1, 1981, 95 Stat. 965.

Pub. L. 95-391, title III, §305, Sept. 30, 1978, 92 Stat. 789.

§ 88b-2. House of Representatives Page Board; establishment and purpose

Until otherwise provided by law, there is hereby established a board to be known as the House