

CODIFICATION

Section is based on House Resolution No. 16, Eighty-seventh Congress, Jan. 3, 1961, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 87-130.

INCREASES IN COMPENSATION

Increases in compensation for House officers and employees under authority of Federal Salary Act of 1967 (Pub. L. 90-206), Federal Pay Comparability Act of 1970 (Pub. L. 91-656), and Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1988 (Pub. L. 100-202), see sections 60a-2 and 60a-2a of this title, and Salary Directives of Speaker of the House, set out as notes under those sections.

§ 72a-1c. Repealed. Pub. L. 95-26, title I, § 106(f), May 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 84

Section, Pub. L. 94-59, title I, § 108, July 25, 1975, 89 Stat. 276; Pub. L. 94-440, title I, § 102, Oct. 1, 1976, 90 Stat. 1443, authorized Senators to hire staff assistance in connection with their committee memberships. See section 72a-1e of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Section 106(g)(1) of Pub. L. 95-26, title I, May 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 84, which provided that the repeal is effective Mar. 1, 1977, was repealed by Pub. L. 95-94, title I, § 111(e)(1), Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 663.

§ 72a-1d. Repealed. Pub. L. 95-94, title I, § 111(e)(1), Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 663

Section, Pub. L. 95-26, title I, § 106(a)-(e), May 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 83, 84, authorized Senators to employ individuals to assist with committee memberships of Senators and set forth compensation limitations and procedures applicable for employment of such individuals. See section 72a-1e of this title and section 111(a), (b) of Pub. L. 95-94, set out as a note under section 61-1 of this title for related provisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Oct. 1, 1977, see section 111(f) of Pub. L. 95-94, set out as an Effective Date note under section 72a-1e of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE AND SAVINGS PROVISIONS

Section 106(g) of Pub. L. 95-26, title I, May 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 84, provided that this section is effective Mar. 1, 1977, and set forth savings provisions relating to designations and availability of amounts for employees covered by section 72a-1d of this title, and was repealed by section 111(e)(1) of Pub. L. 95-94, title I, Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 663.

§ 72a-1e. Assistance to Senators with committee memberships by employees in office of Senator

(1) Designation

A Senator may designate employees in his office to assist him in connection with his membership on committees of the Senate. An employee may be designated with respect to only one committee.

(2) Certification; professional staff privileges

An employee designated by a Senator under this section shall be certified by him to the chairman and ranking minority member of the committee with respect to which such designation is made. Such employee shall be accorded all privileges of a professional staff member (whether permanent or investigatory) of such committee including access to all committee sessions and files, except that any such committee may restrict access to its sessions to one

staff member per Senator at a time and require, if classified material is being handled or discussed, that any staff member possess the appropriate security clearance before being allowed access to such material or to discussion of it. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit a committee from adopting policies and practices with respect to the application of this section which are similar to the policies and practices adopted with respect to the application of section 705(c)(1)¹ of Senate Resolution 4, 95th Congress, and section 72a-1d(c)(1)¹ of this title.

(3) Termination

A Senator shall notify the chairman and ranking minority member of a committee whenever a designation of an employee under this section with respect to such committee is terminated.

(Pub. L. 95-94, title I, § 111(c), Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 662.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 705(c)(1) of Senate Resolution 4, 95th Congress, referred to in par. (2), which was not classified to the Code, was repealed by Pub. L. 95-94, title I, § 111(e)(2), Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 663.

Section 72a-1d(c)(1) of this title, referred to in par. (2), was repealed by Pub. L. 95-94, title I, § 111(e)(1), Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 663.

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Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriation Act, 1978, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1978.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 111(f) of Pub. L. 95-94 provided that: "This section, and the amendments made by subsection (d) and the repeals made by subsection (e) [enacting this section, amending section 61-1 of this title, enacting notes set out under section 61-1 of this title, and repealing notes set out under section 72a-1d of this title], shall take effect on October 1, 1977."

§ 72a-1f. Designation by Senator who is Chairman or Vice Chairman of Senate Select Committee on Ethics of employee in office of that Senator to perform part-time service for Committee; amount reimbursable; procedure applicable

Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a Senator who is the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics may designate one employee employed in his Senate office to perform part-time service for such Committee, and such Committee shall reimburse such Senator for such employee's services for the Committee by transferring from the contingent fund of the Senate, upon vouchers approved by the Chairman of such Committee, to such Senator's Administrative, Clerical, and Legislative Assistance Allowance, with respect to each pay period of such employee, an amount which bears the same ratio to such employee's salary (but not more than one-half of such salary) for such period, as the portion of the time spent (or to be spent) by such employee in performing services for such Committee during such period bears to the total time for which

¹ See References in Text note below.

such employee worked (or will work) during such period (as determined by the Chairman of such Committee) for such Committee and in such Senator's office. Any funds transferred under authority of the preceding sentence to a Senator's Administrative, Clerical, and Legislative Assistance¹ shall be available for the same purposes and in like manner as funds therein which were not transferred thereto under such authority. For purposes of any law of the United States, a State, a territory, or a political subdivision thereof, an employee designated by a Senator pursuant to this section shall be considered to be an employee of such Senator's Senate office and not an employee of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics.

(Pub. L. 98-367, title I, §10, July 17, 1984, 98 Stat. 476.)

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Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriation Act, 1985, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1985.

§ 72a-1g. Referral of ethics violations by Senate Ethics Committee to Government Accountability Office for investigation

If the Committee on Ethics of the Senate determines that there is a reasonable basis to believe that a Member, officer, or employee of the Senate may have committed an ethics violation, the committee may request the Office of Special Investigations of the Government Accountability Office to conduct factfinding and an investigation into the matter. The Office of Special Investigations shall promptly investigate the matter as directed by the committee.

(Pub. L. 101-194, title V, §501, Nov. 30, 1989, 103 Stat. 1753; Pub. L. 108-271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814.)

AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108-271 substituted “Government Accountability Office” for “General Accounting Office” in section catchline and text.

§ 72a-1h. Mandatory Senate ethics training for Members and staff

(a) Training program

The Select Committee on Ethics shall conduct ongoing ethics training and awareness programs for Members of the Senate and Senate staff.

(b) Requirements

The ethics training program conducted by the Select Committee on Ethics shall be completed by—

- (1) new Senators or staff not later than 60 days after commencing service or employment; and
- (2) Senators and Senate staff serving or employed on September 14, 2007, not later than 165 days after September 14, 2007.

(Pub. L. 110-81, title V, §553, Sept. 14, 2007, 121 Stat. 773.)

¹ So in original. Probably should be “Assistance Allowance”.

§ 72a-1i. Annual report by Select Committee on Ethics

The Select Committee on Ethics of the Senate shall issue an annual report due no later than January 31, describing the following:

(1) The number of alleged violations of Senate rules received from any source, including the number raised by a Senator or staff of the committee.

(2) A list of the number of alleged violations that were dismissed—

(A) for lack of subject matter jurisdiction or, in which, even if the allegations in the complaint are true, no violation of Senate rules would exist; or

(B) because they failed to provide sufficient facts as to any material violation of the Senate rules beyond mere allegation or assertion.

(3) The number of alleged violations in which the committee staff conducted a preliminary inquiry.

(4) The number of alleged violations that resulted in an adjudicatory review.

(5) The number of alleged violations that the committee dismissed for lack of substantial merit.

(6) The number of private letters of admonition or public letters of admonition issued.

(7) The number of matters resulting in a disciplinary sanction.

(8) Any other information deemed by the committee to be appropriate to describe its activities in the preceding year.

(Pub. L. 110-81, title V, §554, Sept. 14, 2007, 121 Stat. 773.)

§§ 72a-2, 72a-3. Omitted

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Section 72a-2, acts July 20, 1951, ch. 237, §§1-3, 65 Stat. 123; Aug. 5, 1955, ch. 568, §§1, 8, 69 Stat. 501, 509; Feb. 14, 1956, ch. 34, Ch. IV, 70 Stat. 13; June 27, 1956, ch. 453, 70 Stat. 357; July 28, 1967, Pub. L. 90-57, §103, 81 Stat. 141; Aug. 18, 1970, Pub. L. 91-382, §103, 84 Stat. 825, prescribed basic compensation of employees of House and Senate press, periodical, and radio galleries, and was omitted for lack of general applicability.

Section 72a-3, Pub. L. 91-382, Aug. 18, 1970, 84 Stat. 814, which related to computation of salaries and wages paid out of House appropriation items, was from the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1971, and was not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts. See section 331 et seq. of this title. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 91-145, Dec. 12, 1969, 83 Stat. 347.
 Pub. L. 90-417, July 23, 1968, 82 Stat. 404.
 Pub. L. 90-57, July 28, 1967, 81 Stat. 133.
 Pub. L. 89-545, Aug. 27, 1966, 80 Stat. 361.
 Pub. L. 89-90, July 27, 1965, 79 Stat. 273.
 Pub. L. 88-454, Aug. 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 542.
 Pub. L. 88-248, Dec. 30, 1963, 77 Stat. 809.
 Pub. L. 87-730, Oct. 2, 1962, 76 Stat. 686.
 Pub. L. 87-130, Aug. 10, 1961, 75 Stat. 327.
 Pub. L. 86-628, July 12, 1960, 74 Stat. 453.
 Pub. L. 86-176, Aug. 21, 1959, 73 Stat. 405.
 Pub. L. 85-570, July 31, 1958, 72 Stat. 446.
 Pub. L. 85-75, July 1, 1957, 71 Stat. 249.
 June 27, 1956, ch. 453, 70 Stat. 363.
 Aug. 5, 1955, ch. 568, 69 Stat. 513.
 July 2, 1954, ch. 455, title I, 68 Stat. 403.

§ 72a-4. Repealed. Pub. L. 90-57, § 105(i)(1), July 28, 1967, 81 Stat. 144

Section, Pub. L. 85-75, July 1, 1957, 71 Stat. 246, provided for computation of salaries and wages paid out of