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AN ACT

To modify the appointment and removal process for certain
legislative branch officers, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Legislative Branch
3 Agencies Clarification Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Librarian of Congress Suc-
6 cession Modernization Act of 2015 (Public Law 114–86;
7 129 Stat. 675), is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating section 3 as section 5;

9 (2) by redesignating section 2 as section 3;

10 (3) by inserting after section 1 the following:

11 **“SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

12 “In this Act:

13 “(1) COMMISSION.—The term ‘commission’
14 means a congressional commission consisting of the
15 oversight committee leadership and the House and
16 Senate leadership.

17 “(2) DEPUTY LIBRARIAN.—The term ‘Deputy
18 Librarian’ means the Deputy Librarian of Congress.

19 “(3) HOUSE AND SENATE LEADERSHIP.—The
20 term ‘House and Senate leadership’ means the
21 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the major-
22 ity leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the
23 House of Representatives, and the minority leader of
24 the Senate.

25 “(4) LIBRARIAN.—The term ‘Librarian’ means
26 the Librarian of Congress.

1 “(5) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP.—

2 The term ‘oversight committee leadership’ means the
3 chair and ranking minority member of the Com-
4 mittee on House Administration of the House of
5 Representatives and the chairman and ranking mi-
6 nority member of the Committee on Rules and Ad-
7 ministration of the Senate.”; and

8 (4) in section 3, as so redesignated—

9 (A) by striking subsection (a) and insert-
10 ing the following:

11 “(a) APPOINTMENT.—

12 “(1) COMMISSION.—The Librarian shall be ap-
13 pointed by the commission in accordance with the
14 procedures specified in paragraph (2), without re-
15 gard to political affiliation, and solely on the basis
16 of fitness to perform the duties of the office.

17 “(2) APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES.—

18 “(A) RECOMMENDATION OF 3 INDIVID-
19 UALS.—If there is a vacancy in the position of
20 Librarian, the oversight committee leadership
21 shall jointly recommend 3 individuals for ap-
22 pointment to the vacant office.

23 “(B) SELECTION BY LEADERS.—The Li-
24 brarian shall be appointed from among the 3
25 individuals recommended under subparagraph

1 (A) upon a majority vote of the House and Sen-
2 ate leadership.”;

3 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “of Con-
4 gress”;

5 (C) in subsection (c), by striking “of Con-
6 gress, by and with the advice and consent of the
7 Senate,”; and

8 (D) by striking subsection (d) and insert-
9 ing the following:

10 “(d) REMOVAL.—The Librarian may be removed
11 from office at any time upon a majority vote of the House
12 and Senate leadership.”.

13 (b) PAY.—Section 904 of the Supplemental Appro-
14 priations Act, 1983 (2 U.S.C. 136a–2) is amended—

15 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “Notwith-
16 standing”; and

17 (2) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(b) The Librarian of Congress shall not be consid-
19 ered to serve under a political appointment for purposes
20 of section 747 of the Financial Services and General Gov-
21 ernment Appropriations Act, 2024 (division B of Public
22 Law 118–47; 138 Stat. 585), or any other subsequently
23 enacted similar provision of law.”.

1 **SEC. 3. DEPUTY LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS.**

2 The Librarian of Congress Succession Modernization
3 Act of 2015 (Public Law 114–86; 129 Stat. 675), is
4 amended by inserting after section 3, as so redesignated,
5 the following:

6 **“SEC. 4. DEPUTY LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS.**

7 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPUTY LIBRARIAN.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Librarian shall ap-
9 point a suitable individual to be the Deputy Librar-
10 ian of Congress.

11 “(2) DUTIES.—The Librarian may delegate to
12 the Deputy Librarian such duties as the Librarian
13 determines are necessary or appropriate.

14 “(b) DEADLINE.—The Librarian shall appoint a
15 Deputy Librarian under subsection (a)(1) not later than
16 120 days after—

17 “(1) the date on which the Librarian is ap-
18 pointed under section 3, if there is no Deputy Li-
19 brarian on the date of the appointment; or

20 “(2) the date on which a vacancy arises in the
21 office of the Deputy Librarian.

22 “(c) FAILURE TO APPOINT.—If the Librarian does
23 not appoint a Deputy Librarian on or before the applicable
24 date specified in subsection (b)—

1 “(1) the oversight committee leadership shall
2 jointly recommend an individual for appointment to
3 the vacant office; and

4 “(2) upon a majority vote of the House and
5 Senate leadership, the individual recommended
6 under paragraph (1) shall be appointed as the Dep-
7 uty Librarian.

8 “(d) NOTIFICATION.—If the position of Deputy Li-
9 brarian becomes vacant, the Librarian shall immediately
10 notify the members of the commission.

11 “(e) SERVICE AS ACTING LIBRARIAN.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Deputy Librarian shall
13 act as Librarian if the Librarian is absent or dis-
14 abled or there is no Librarian.

15 “(2) ABSENCE, DISABILITY, OR VACANCY IN OF-
16 FICE OF DEPUTY LIBRARIAN.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of para-
18 graph (1), if the Deputy Librarian is also ab-
19 sent or disabled or there is no Deputy Librar-
20 ian—

21 “(i) the oversight committee leader-
22 ship shall jointly recommend an individual
23 to be designated to serve as acting Librar-
24 ian; and

1 “(ii) upon a majority vote of the
 2 members of the House and Senate leader-
 3 ship, the individual recommended under
 4 clause (i) shall be designated to serve as
 5 acting Librarian.

6 “(B) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT.—An indi-
 7 vidual designated as acting Librarian under
 8 subparagraph (A) may serve until—

9 “(i) the end of the absence or dis-
 10 ability of the Librarian or the Deputy Li-
 11 brarian; or

12 “(ii) in the case of vacancies in both
 13 positions, a Librarian has been appointed
 14 under section 3.

15 “(3) AUTHORITY.—An officer serving as acting
 16 Librarian under paragraph (1) or (2) shall perform
 17 all the duties and exercise all the authorities of the
 18 Librarian, including the authority to delegate the
 19 duties and authorities of the Librarian.”.

20 **SEC. 4. DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OF-**
 21 **FICE.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 44, United
 23 States Code, is amended—

24 (1) by inserting before section 301 the fol-
 25 lowing:

1 **“§ 300. Definitions**

2 “In this chapter—

3 “(1) the term ‘commission’ means a congres-
4 sional commission consisting of the oversight com-
5 mittee leadership and the House and Senate leader-
6 ship;

7 “(2) the term ‘House and Senate leadership’
8 means the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
9 the majority leader of the Senate, the minority lead-
10 er of the House of Representatives, and the minority
11 leader of the Senate; and

12 “(3) the term ‘oversight committee leadership’
13 means the chair and ranking minority member of
14 the Committee on House Administration of the
15 House of Representatives and the chairman and
16 ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules
17 and Administration of the Senate.”; and

18 (2) in section 301—

19 (A) by striking subsection (a) and insert-
20 ing the following:

21 “(a)(1) The Government Publishing Office shall be
22 headed by a Director.

23 “(2)(A) The Director shall be appointed by the com-
24 mission in accordance with the procedures specified in
25 subparagraph (B), without regard to political affiliation,

1 and solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties
2 of the office.

3 “(B)(i) If there is a vacancy in the position of Direc-
4 tor, the oversight committee leadership shall jointly rec-
5 ommend 3 individuals for appointment to the vacant of-
6 fice.

7 “(ii) The Director shall be appointed from among the
8 3 individuals recommended under clause (i), upon a ma-
9 jority vote of the House and Senate leadership.”;

10 (B) in subsection (c), by striking “, by and
11 with the advice and consent of the Senate,”;
12 and

13 (C) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(d) The Director may be removed from office at any
15 time upon a majority vote of the members of the House
16 and Senate leadership.”.

17 (b) PAY.—Section 303 of title 44, United States
18 Code, is amended—

19 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “The annual rate
20 of pay for the Director of the Government Pub-
21 lishing Office”; and

22 (2) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(b) The Director of the Government Publishing Of-
24 fice shall not be considered to serve under a political ap-
25 pointment for purposes of section 747 of the Financial

1 Services and General Government Appropriations Act,
2 2024 (division B of Public Law 118–47; 138 Stat. 585),
3 or any other subsequently enacted similar provision of
4 law.”.

5 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
6 tions for chapter 3 of title 44, United States Code, is
7 amended by inserting before the item relating to section
8 301 the following:

“300. Definitions.”.

9 **SEC. 5. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENT PUB-**
10 **LISHING OFFICE.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 302 of title 44, United
12 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

13 **“§ 302. Deputy Director of the Government Pub-**
14 **lishing Office: appointment; duties**

15 “(a) In this section—

16 “(1) the term ‘Deputy Director’ means the
17 Deputy Director of the Government Publishing Of-
18 fice; and

19 “(2) the term ‘Director’ means the Director of
20 the Government Publishing Office.

21 “(b)(1) The Director shall appoint a suitable person
22 to be the Deputy Director.

23 “(2) The Deputy Director shall supervise the build-
24 ings occupied by the Government Publishing Office and
25 perform any other duties required by the Director.

1 “(c) The Director shall appoint a Deputy Director
2 under subsection (b)(1) not later than 120 days after—

3 “(1) the date on which the Director is ap-
4 pointed under section 301, if there is no Deputy Di-
5 rector on the date of the appointment; or

6 “(2) the date on which a vacancy arises in the
7 office of the Deputy Director.

8 “(d) If the Director does not appoint a Deputy Direc-
9 tor on or before the applicable date specified in subsection
10 (c)—

11 “(1) the oversight committee leadership shall
12 jointly recommend an individual for appointment to
13 the vacant office; and

14 “(2) upon a majority vote of the House and
15 Senate leadership, the individual recommended
16 under paragraph (1) shall be appointed as the Dep-
17 uty Director.

18 “(e) If the position of Deputy Director becomes va-
19 cant, the Director shall immediately notify the members
20 of the commission.”.

21 (b) SERVICE AS ACTING DIRECTOR.—Section 304 of
22 title 44, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-
23 lows:

1 **“§ 304. Director of the Government Publishing Office:**
2 **vacancy in office**

3 “(a) In this section, the terms ‘Deputy Director’ and
4 ‘Director’ have the meanings given such terms in section
5 302(a).

6 “(b) The Deputy Director shall act as Director if the
7 Director is absent or disabled or there is no Director.

8 “(c)(1) For purposes of subsection (b), if the Deputy
9 Director is also absent or disabled or there is no Deputy
10 Director—

11 “(A) the oversight committee leadership shall
12 jointly recommend an individual to be designated to
13 serve as acting Director; and

14 “(B) upon a majority vote of the House and
15 Senate leadership, the individual recommended
16 under subparagraph (A) shall be designated as the
17 acting Director.

18 “(2) An individual designated as acting Director
19 under paragraph (1) may serve until—

20 “(A) the end of the absence or disability of the
21 Director or the Deputy Director; or

22 “(B) in the case of vacancies in both positions,
23 a Director has been appointed under section 301.

24 “(d) An officer serving as acting Director under sub-
25 section (b) or (c) shall perform all the duties and exercise

1 all the authorities of the Director, including the authority
2 to delegate the duties and authorities of the Director.”.

3 **SEC. 6. COPYRIGHT OFFICE.**

4 (a) REMOVING SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY OF LI-
5 BRARY OF CONGRESS OVER COPYRIGHT OFFICE.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Title 17, United States
7 Code, is amended—

8 (A) in chapter 1—

9 (i) in section 111(d)—

10 (I) in paragraph (2), in the sec-
11 ond sentence, by striking “Librarian
12 of Congress” and inserting “Register
13 of Copyrights”; and

14 (II) in paragraph (4)—

15 (aa) in subparagraph (B), in
16 the second sentence, by striking
17 “Librarian of Congress” and in-
18 serting “Register of Copyrights”;
19 and

20 (bb) in subparagraph (C),
21 by striking “Librarian of Con-
22 gress” and inserting “Register of
23 Copyrights”;

1 (ii) in section 112(e)(5), by striking
2 “Librarian of Congress” and inserting
3 “Register of Copyrights”;

4 (iii) in section 114(f)(2), by striking
5 “Librarian of Congress” and inserting
6 “Register of Copyrights”;

7 (iv) in section 115(d)—

8 (I) in paragraph (3)(A)(iv), by
9 striking “, with the approval of the
10 Librarian of Congress pursuant to
11 section 702,”; and

12 (II) in paragraph (5)(A)(iv), by
13 striking “, with the approval of the
14 Librarian of Congress pursuant to
15 section 702,”;

16 (v) in section 118(b)(2), by striking
17 “Librarian of Congress” and inserting
18 “Register of Copyrights”; and

19 (vi) in section 119(b)—

20 (I) in paragraph (3), in the sec-
21 ond sentence, by striking “Librarian
22 of Congress” and inserting “Register
23 of Copyrights”; and

24 (II) in paragraph (5)—

1 (aa) in subparagraph (B), in
2 the second sentence, by striking
3 “Librarian of Congress” and in-
4 serting “Register of Copyrights”;
5 and

6 (bb) in subparagraph (C),
7 by striking “Librarian of Con-
8 gress” and inserting “Register of
9 Copyrights”;

10 (B) in chapter 7—

11 (i) in section 701—

12 (I) in subsection (a)—

13 (aa) in the first sentence, by
14 striking “of the Library of Con-
15 gress”; and

16 (bb) by striking the second
17 sentence and inserting the fol-
18 lowing: “The Register of Copy-
19 rights shall be appointed by the
20 President, by and with the advice
21 and consent of the Senate, but
22 before the President makes such
23 an appointment, the chair and
24 ranking minority member of each
25 of the Committee on House Ad-

1 ministration of the House of
2 Representatives, the Committee
3 on the Judiciary of the House of
4 Representatives, the Committee
5 on Rules and Administration of
6 the Senate, and the Committee
7 on the Judiciary of the Senate
8 shall jointly recommend 3 indi-
9 viduals whom the President may
10 consider in making the appoint-
11 ment. The subordinate officers
12 and employees of the Copyright
13 Office shall be appointed by the
14 Register of Copyrights.”;

15 (II) in subsection (d)—

16 (aa) in the first sentence, by
17 striking “the Librarian of”; and

18 (bb) by striking the second
19 sentence; and

20 (III) in subsection (f), by striking
21 the second and third sentences and in-
22 serting the following: “The Register of
23 Copyrights shall establish not more
24 than 4 positions for Associate Reg-

1 isters of Copyrights and shall make
2 appointments to those positions.”;

3 (ii) in section 702, by striking the sec-
4 ond sentence and inserting “The Register
5 shall consult with the Librarian of Con-
6 gress prior to establishing regulations that
7 affect deposits made under sections 407
8 and 704 of this title. The Register shall
9 consult with the Librarian of Congress be-
10 fore establishing any regulation under this
11 title that affects the authority, rights, or
12 access of the Library of Congress under
13 this title with respect to any material de-
14 posited in the Copyright Office.”; and

15 (iii) in section 704(d), by striking
16 “joint discretion of the Register and the
17 Librarian” and inserting “discretion of the
18 Register, in consultation with the Librar-
19 ian,”;

20 (C) in chapter 8—

21 (i) in section 801—

22 (I) in subsection (a)—

23 (aa) in the first sentence, by
24 striking “Librarian of Congress”

1 and inserting “Register of Copy-
2 rights”; and

3 (bb) by striking the second
4 sentence;

5 (II) in subsection (d), by striking
6 “Librarian of Congress” and inserting
7 “Register of Copyrights”; and

8 (III) in subsection (e)—

9 (aa) in the heading, by
10 striking “LIBRARY OF CON-
11 GRESS” and inserting “COPY-
12 RIGHT OFFICE”; and

13 (bb) by striking “Library of
14 Congress” and inserting “Copy-
15 right Office”;

16 (ii) in section 802—

17 (I) in subsection (d)—

18 (aa) in paragraph (1), in the
19 first sentence, by striking “Li-
20 brarian of Congress” and insert-
21 ing “Register of Copyrights”;
22 and

23 (bb) in paragraph (2), by
24 striking “Librarian of Congress”

1 and inserting “Register of Copy-
2 rights”;

3 (II) in subsection (f)(2)—

4 (aa) in subparagraph (A),
5 by striking “Library of Con-
6 gress” and inserting “Copyright
7 Office”; and

8 (bb) in subparagraph (B),
9 by striking “Librarian of Con-
10 gress” and inserting “Register of
11 Copyrights”;

12 (III) in subsection (h), by strik-
13 ing “Librarian of Congress” and in-
14 serting “Register of Copyrights”; and

15 (IV) in subsection (i)—

16 (aa) by striking “Librarian
17 of Congress” each place that
18 term appears and inserting “Reg-
19 ister of Copyrights”; and

20 (bb) in the third sentence,
21 by striking “Librarian” and in-
22 serting “Register of Copyrights”;
23 and

24 (iii) in section 803—

1 (I) in subsection (a)(1), in the
2 second sentence—

3 (aa) by striking “the Librar-
4 ian of Congress” and inserting
5 “the Register of Copyrights”;
6 and

7 (bb) by striking “of the Li-
8 brarian of Congress or” and in-
9 serting “of”;

10 (II) in subsection (b)(6)(A), in
11 the second sentence, by striking “Li-
12 brarian of Congress” and inserting
13 “Register of Copyrights”;

14 (III) in subsection (c)(6)—

15 (aa) by striking “Librarian
16 of Congress” each place that
17 term appears and inserting “Reg-
18 ister of Copyrights”; and

19 (bb) in the second sentence,
20 by striking “Librarian” and in-
21 serting “Register of Copyrights”;
22 and

23 (IV) in subsection (e)(1)—

1 (aa) in the paragraph head-
2 ing, by striking “LIBRARY OF
3 CONGRESS AND”; and

4 (bb) in subparagraph (A)—
5 (AA) by striking “The
6 Librarian of Congress” and
7 inserting “The Register of
8 Copyrights”; and

9 (BB) by striking “the
10 Librarian of Congress, the
11 Copyright Office, and” and
12 inserting “the Copyright Of-
13 fice and”;

14 (D) in section 1007—

15 (i) in subsection (b), in the third sen-
16 tence, by striking “Librarian of Congress”
17 and inserting “Register of Copyrights”;
18 and

19 (ii) in subsection (c), in the third sen-
20 tence, by striking “Librarian of Congress”
21 and inserting “Register of Copyrights”;

22 (E) in section 1201(a)(1)—

23 (i) in subparagraph (C)—

24 (I) in the matter preceding clause

25 (i)—

1 (aa) in the first sentence, by
2 striking “the Librarian of Con-
3 gress, upon the recommendation
4 of the Register of Copyrights,
5 who shall consult with the Assist-
6 ant Secretary for Communica-
7 tions and Information of the De-
8 partment of Commerce and re-
9 port and comment on his or her
10 views in making such rec-
11 ommendation” and inserting “the
12 Register of Copyrights, after con-
13 sultation with the Assistant Sec-
14 retary of Commerce for Commu-
15 nications and Information”; and

16 (bb) in the second sentence,
17 by striking “the Librarian” and
18 inserting “the Register of Copy-
19 rights”; and

20 (II) in clause (v), by striking
21 “Librarian” and inserting “Register
22 of Copyrights”; and

23 (ii) in subparagraph (D), by striking
24 “Librarian” each place that term appears
25 and inserting “Register of Copyrights”;

1 (F) in section 1331, by striking “of the Li-
2 brary of Congress”; and

3 (G) in chapter 15—

4 (i) in section 1502(b)—

5 (I) in paragraph (1)—

6 (aa) in the first sentence, by
7 striking “recommend” and in-
8 serting “appoint”; and

9 (bb) by striking the second
10 sentence;

11 (II) in paragraph (6)—

12 (aa) in subparagraph (A)(i),
13 by striking “the Librarian of
14 Congress shall, upon the rec-
15 ommendation of, and in consulta-
16 tion with, the Register of Copy-
17 rights,” and inserting “the Reg-
18 ister of Copyrights shall”; and

19 (bb) in subparagraph (B),
20 by striking “the Librarian of
21 Congress shall, upon rec-
22 ommendation of, and in consulta-
23 tion with, the Register of Copy-
24 rights,” and inserting “the Reg-
25 ister of Copyrights shall”; and

1 (III) in paragraph (7), by strik-
2 ing “Librarian of Congress” and in-
3 serting “Register of Copyrights”; and
4 (ii) in section 1503(b)(3), by striking
5 “Library of Congress or”.

6 (2) AMENDMENTS TO OTHER LAWS.—

7 (A) COMPUTER SOFTWARE RENTAL
8 AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1990.—Section 805(d) of
9 the Computer Software Rental Amendments
10 Act of 1990 (17 U.S.C. 205 note; Public Law
11 101–650) is amended by striking the second
12 sentence.

13 (B) UNLOCKING CONSUMER CHOICE AND
14 WIRELESS COMPETITION ACT.—Section 2 of the
15 Unlocking Consumer Choice and Wireless Com-
16 petition Act (17 U.S.C. 1201 note; Public Law
17 113–144) is amended—

18 (i) in the heading, by striking “**BY LI-**
19 **BRARIAN OF CONGRESS**”;

20 (ii) in subsection (a), by inserting
21 after “United States Code,” the following:
22 “(as in effect before the date of enactment
23 of the Legislative Branch Agencies Clari-
24 fication Act)”;

1 (iii) in subsection (c), by striking
2 paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

3 “(2) as authorized by an exemption adopted
4 by—

5 “(A) the Librarian of Congress pursuant
6 to a determination made on or after the date of
7 enactment of this Act and before the date of
8 enactment of the Legislative Branch Agencies
9 Clarification Act under section 1201(a)(1)(C) of
10 title 17, United States Code; or

11 “(B) the Register of Copyrights pursuant
12 to a determination made on or after the date of
13 enactment of the Legislative Branch Agencies
14 Clarification Act under section 1201(a)(1)(C) of
15 title 17, United States Code,”; and

16 (iv) in subsection (d), by striking
17 paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

18 “(2) LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS; REGISTER OF
19 COPYRIGHTS.—Nothing in this Act alters, or shall be
20 construed to alter, the authority of—

21 “(A) the Librarian of Congress under sec-
22 tion 1201(a)(1) of title 17, United States Code,
23 as in effect before the date of enactment of the
24 Legislative Branch Agencies Clarification Act;
25 or

1 “(B) the Register of Copyrights under sec-
2 tion 1201(a)(1) of title 17, United States Code,
3 as in effect on or after the date of enactment
4 of the Legislative Branch Agencies Clarification
5 Act.”.

6 (C) ACT OF JUNE 13, 1957.—The first sec-
7 tion of the Act entitled “An Act to fix the re-
8 sponsibilities of certifying officers and dis-
9 bursing officer of the Library of Congress”, ap-
10 proved June 13, 1957 (2 U.S.C. 142b), is
11 amended by striking “, including the Copyright
12 Office,”.

13 (b) REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS QUALIFICATIONS;
14 TERM OF OFFICE.—Section 701(a) of title 17, United
15 States Code, as amended by this section, is amended—

16 (1) by inserting before “shall be appointed by
17 the President” the following: “shall be a citizen of
18 the United States with a background and experience
19 in copyright law, and”; and

20 (2) by inserting before “The subordinate offi-
21 cers” the following: “The Register of Copyrights
22 shall be appointed for a term of 10 years, but if the
23 Register is appointed to fill a vacancy occurring
24 prior to the expiration of the term for which the
25 most immediate predecessor was appointed, the Reg-

1 ister shall be appointed for the remainder of such
2 term. The Register may be reappointed for 1 or
3 more additional terms of 5 years each.”.

4 (c) ESTABLISHMENT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF
5 THE COPYRIGHT OFFICE.—Section 1307 of the Legisla-
6 tive Branch Appropriations Act, 2006 (2 U.S.C. 185), is
7 amended by adding at the end the following:

8 “(i) ESTABLISHMENT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF
9 THE COPYRIGHT OFFICE AS A SEPARATE OFFICE.—

10 “(1) OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.—There
11 is an Office of Inspector General within the Copy-
12 right Office which is an independent objective office
13 to—

14 “(A) conduct and supervise audits and in-
15 vestigations (excluding incidents involving vio-
16 lence and personal property) relating to the
17 Copyright Office, except that nothing in this
18 subparagraph may be construed to authorize
19 the Inspector General to audit or investigate
20 any operations or activities of the United States
21 Capitol Police;

22 “(B) provide leadership and coordination
23 and recommend policies to promote economy,
24 efficiency, and effectiveness; and

1 “(C) provide a means of keeping the Reg-
2 ister of Copyrights and the Congress fully and
3 currently informed about problems and defi-
4 ciencies relating to the administration and oper-
5 ations of the Copyright Office.

6 “(2) APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL;
7 SUPERVISION; REMOVAL; PAY; LIMITS ON BONUSES;
8 COUNSEL.—

9 “(A) APPOINTMENT AND SUPERVISION.—

10 “(i) IN GENERAL.—There shall be at
11 the head of the Office of Inspector Gen-
12 eral, an Inspector General who shall be ap-
13 pointed by the Register of Copyrights with-
14 out regard to political affiliation and solely
15 on the basis of integrity and demonstrated
16 ability in accounting, auditing, financial
17 analysis, law, management analysis, public
18 administration, or investigations. The In-
19 specter General shall report to, and be
20 under the general supervision of, the Reg-
21 ister of Copyrights.

22 “(ii) AUDITS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND
23 REPORTS.—The Register of Copyrights
24 shall have no authority to prevent or pro-
25 hibit the Inspector General from—

1 “(I) initiating, carrying out, or
2 completing any audit or investigation;

3 “(II) issuing any subpoena dur-
4 ing the course of any audit or inves-
5 tigation; or

6 “(III) issuing any report.

7 “(B) REMOVAL OR TRANSFER.—

8 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Inspector
9 General may be removed from office, or
10 transferred to another position within, or
11 another location of, the Copyright Office,
12 by the Register of Copyrights.

13 “(ii) NOTICE.—Not later than 30
14 days before the Register of Copyrights re-
15 moves or transfers the Inspector General
16 under clause (i), the Register of Copy-
17 rights shall communicate in writing the
18 reason for the removal or transfer to—

19 “(I) the Committee on House
20 Administration and the Committee on
21 Appropriations of the House of Rep-
22 resentatives; and

23 “(II) the Committee on Rules
24 and Administration and the Com-

1 mittee on Appropriations of the Sen-
2 ate.

3 “(iii) APPLICABILITY.—Nothing in
4 this subparagraph shall prohibit a per-
5 sonnel action (except for removal or trans-
6 fer) that is otherwise authorized by law.

7 “(C) PAY.—

8 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The position of
9 Inspector General shall—

10 “(I) be classified as a position
11 above GS–15 in accordance with sec-
12 tion 5108 of title 5, United States
13 Code; and

14 “(II) have a rate of basic pay
15 that is not less than the average rate
16 of basic pay of all other employees in
17 positions classified as above GS–15 of
18 the Copyright Office calculated on an
19 annual basis.

20 “(ii) ADJUSTMENTS.—The Register of
21 Copyrights shall establish the amount of
22 the annual adjustment in the rate of basic
23 pay for the Inspector General in an
24 amount equal to the average of the annual
25 adjustments in the rate of basic pay pro-

1 vided to all other employees in positions
2 classified as above GS–15 of the Copyright
3 Office, in a manner consistent with section
4 5376 of title 5, United States Code.

5 “(D) NO BONUSES.—The Inspector Gen-
6 eral may not receive any cash award or cash
7 bonus, including a cash award under chapter 45
8 of title 5, United States Code.

9 “(E) COUNSEL.—The Inspector General
10 shall, in accordance with applicable laws and
11 regulations governing selections, appointments,
12 and employment at the Copyright Office, obtain
13 legal advice from a counsel reporting directly to
14 the Inspector General or another Inspector
15 General.

16 “(3) DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AUTHORITY,
17 AND REPORTS.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Sections 404, 405
19 (other than subsection (b)(13)), 406(a) (other
20 than paragraphs (7) and (8) thereof), and 407
21 of title 5, United States Code, shall apply to the
22 Inspector General of the Copyright Office and
23 the Office of such Inspector General and such
24 sections shall be applied to the Copyright Office

1 and the Register of Copyrights by sub-
2 stituting—

3 “(i) ‘Copyright Office’ for ‘establish-
4 ment’; and

5 “(ii) ‘Register of Copyrights’ for ‘head
6 of the establishment’.

7 “(B) EMPLOYEES.—

8 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Inspector
9 General, in carrying out the provisions of
10 this subsection, is authorized, without the
11 supervision or approval of any other em-
12 ployee, office, or other entity within the
13 Copyright Office, to select, appoint, and
14 employ such officers and employees (in-
15 cluding consultants) as may be necessary
16 for carrying out the functions, powers, and
17 duties of the Office of Inspector General
18 subject to the provisions of law governing
19 selections, appointments, and employment
20 in the Copyright Office.

21 “(ii) SECURITY AND SUITABILITY.—
22 Appointments under the authority under
23 clause (i) shall be made consistent with
24 personnel security and suitability require-
25 ments.

1 “(iii) CONSULTANTS.—Any appoint-
2 ment of a consultant under the authority
3 under clause (i) shall be made consistent
4 with section 406(a)(9) of title 5, United
5 States Code.

6 “(C) LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.—

7 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause
8 (ii), any supervisory special agent under
9 the Inspector General and any special
10 agent supervised by such a supervisory
11 special agent is authorized to—

12 “(I) make an arrest without a
13 warrant while engaged in official du-
14 ties as authorized under this section
15 or any other statute for any offense
16 against the United States committed
17 in the presence of such supervisory
18 special agent or special agent, or for
19 any felony cognizable under the laws
20 of the United States if such super-
21 visory special agent or special agent
22 has reasonable grounds to believe that
23 the person to be arrested has com-
24 mitted or is committing such felony;

1 “(II) seek and execute warrants
2 for arrest, search of a premises, or
3 seizure of evidence issued under the
4 authority of the United States upon
5 probable cause to believe that a viola-
6 tion has been committed; and

7 “(III) carry a firearm while en-
8 gaged in official duties as authorized
9 under this section or any other stat-
10 ute.

11 “(ii) REQUIREMENTS TO EXERCISE
12 AUTHORITY.—

13 “(I) REQUIRED CERTIFI-
14 CATION.—

15 “(aa) IN GENERAL.—In
16 order to exercise the authority
17 under clause (i), a supervisory
18 special agent or a special agent
19 supervised by such a supervisory
20 special agent shall certify that he
21 or she—

22 “(AA) is a citizen of
23 the United States;

24 “(BB) has successfully
25 completed a basic law en-

1 forcement training program
2 or military or other equiva-
3 lent; and

4 “(CC) is not prohibited
5 from receiving a firearm
6 under Federal law, including
7 under section 922(g)(9) of
8 title 18, United States Code,
9 because of a conviction of a
10 misdemeanor crime of do-
11 mestic violence.

12 “(bb) ADDITIONAL RE-
13 QUIREMENTS.—After providing
14 notice to the appropriate commit-
15 tees of Congress, the Inspector
16 General may add requirements to
17 the certification required under
18 item (aa), as determined appro-
19 priate by the Inspector General.

20 “(II) MAINTENANCE OF RE-
21 QUIREMENTS.—The Inspector General
22 shall maintain firearms-related re-
23 quirements (including quarterly fire-
24 arms qualifications) and use of force
25 training requirements that, except to

1 the extent the Inspector General de-
2 termines necessary to effectively carry
3 out the duties of the Office of the In-
4 spector General, are in accordance
5 with the Council of the Inspectors
6 General on Integrity and Efficiency
7 use of force policies, which incorporate
8 Department of Justice guidelines.

9 “(III) ELIGIBILITY DETERMINA-
10 TION.—

11 “(aa) IN GENERAL.—The
12 Inspector General shall—

13 “(AA) determine
14 whether an individual meets
15 the requirements under this
16 subparagraph; and

17 “(BB) revoke any au-
18 thority granted to an indi-
19 vidual under clause (i) if the
20 individual is not in compli-
21 ance with the requirements
22 of this subparagraph.

23 “(bb) REAUTHORIZATION.—
24 The Inspector General may reau-
25 thorize an individual to exercise

1 the authority granted under
2 clause (i) if the Inspector General
3 determines the individual has
4 achieved compliance with the re-
5 quirements under this subpara-
6 graph.

7 “(cc) LIMITATION ON AP-
8 PEAL.—A revocation of the au-
9 thority granted under clause (i)
10 shall not be subject to adminis-
11 trative, judicial, or other review,
12 unless the revocation results in
13 an adverse action. Such an ad-
14 verse action may, at the election
15 of the applicable individual, be
16 reviewed in accordance with the
17 otherwise applicable procedures.

18 “(iii) SEMIANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF
19 PROGRAM.—

20 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Before the
21 first grant of authority under clause
22 (i), and semiannually thereafter as
23 part of the report under section 405
24 of title 5, United States Code, the In-
25 spector General shall submit to the

1 appropriate committees of Congress a
2 written certification that adequate in-
3 ternal safeguards and management
4 procedures exist that, except to the
5 extent the Inspector General deter-
6 mines necessary to effectively carry
7 out the duties of the Office of the In-
8 spector General, are in compliance
9 with standards established by the
10 Council of the Inspectors General on
11 Integrity and Efficiency, which incor-
12 porate Department of Justice guide-
13 lines, to ensure proper exercise of the
14 powers authorized under this subpara-
15 graph.

16 “(II) SUSPENSION OF AUTHOR-
17 ITY.—The authority granted under
18 this subparagraph (including any
19 grant of authority to an individual
20 under clause (i), without regard to
21 whether the individual is in compli-
22 ance with clause (ii)) may be sus-
23 pended by the Inspector General if the
24 Office of Inspector General fails to
25 comply with the reporting and review

1 requirements under subclause (I) of
2 this clause or clause (iv). Any suspen-
3 sion of authority under this subclause
4 shall be reported to the appropriate
5 committees of Congress.

6 “(iv) PEER REVIEW.—To ensure the
7 proper exercise of the law enforcement
8 powers authorized under this subpara-
9 graph, the Office of Inspector General
10 shall submit to and participate in the ex-
11 ternal review process established by the
12 Council of the Inspectors General on Integ-
13 rity and Efficiency for ensuring that ade-
14 quate internal safeguards and management
15 procedures continue to exist. Under the re-
16 view process, the exercise of the law en-
17 forcement powers by the Office of Inspec-
18 tor General shall be reviewed periodically
19 by another Office of Inspector General or
20 by a committee of Inspectors General. The
21 results of each review shall be commu-
22 nicated in writing to the Inspector General,
23 the Council of the Inspectors General on
24 Integrity and Efficiency, and the appro-
25 priate committees of Congress.

1 “(v) ALLEGED MISCONDUCT.—Any al-
 2 legation of misconduct by an individual
 3 granted authority under clause (i) may be
 4 reviewed by the Integrity Committee of the
 5 Council of the Inspectors General on Integ-
 6 rity and Efficiency.

7 “(vi) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF
 8 CONGRESS.—In this paragraph, the term
 9 ‘appropriate committees of Congress’
 10 means—

11 “(I) the Committee on Rules and
 12 Administration and the Committee on
 13 Appropriations of the Senate; and

14 “(II) the Committee on House
 15 Administration and the Committee on
 16 Appropriations of the House of Rep-
 17 resentatives.

18 “(D) BUDGET INDEPENDENCE.—The Reg-
 19 ister of Copyrights shall include the annual
 20 budget request of the Inspector General in the
 21 budget of the Copyright Office without
 22 change.”.

23 (d) APPOINTMENT OF ACTING OFFICERS BY ACTING
 24 REGISTER.—Section 701(a) of title 17, United States
 25 Code, as amended by this section, is amended by adding

1 at the end the following: “Any officer appointed by an act-
2 ing Register of Copyrights, including a Copyright Royalty
3 Judge, shall be an acting officer, and may be removed
4 from office at any time by an individual serving in the
5 office of Register of Copyrights pursuant to an appoint-
6 ment by the President, by and with the advice and consent
7 of the Senate.”.

8 (e) RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY COPY-
9 RIGHT ENTITIES PRIOR TO ENACTMENT.—Each action
10 taken under title 17, United States Code, by the Copyright
11 Office, the Register of Copyrights, the Copyright Royalty
12 Judges, or the Copyright Claims Board during the period
13 beginning on May 8, 2025, and ending on the date of en-
14 actment of this Act is ratified and shall be given full force
15 and effect.

16 (f) SUPPORT AGREEMENTS; REIMBURSEMENT.—Sec-
17 tion 701 of title 17, United States Code, is amended by
18 adding at the end the following:

19 “(g) SUPPORT AGREEMENTS; REIMBURSEMENT.—
20 The Library of Congress and any other agency or office
21 in the legislative branch of the Federal Government may
22 provide administrative, facilities, financial management,
23 information technology, legal, security, and other appro-
24 priate support to the Copyright Office as provided under

1 an agreement for services entered into by the applicable
2 agency or office and the Copyright Office.”.

3 (g) TRANSITION PROVISIONS.—During the period
4 specified in paragraph (1):

5 (1) PERIOD.—The period specified in this para-
6 graph is the period that begins on the date of the
7 enactment of this Act and ends on September 30,
8 2029.

9 (2) TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS.—The
10 Register of Copyrights and the Librarian of Con-
11 gress may enter into such agreements as necessary
12 to transfer appropriated amounts from one to the
13 other if such amounts are necessary to carry out this
14 Act and effectuate the separation of the Copyright
15 Office and the Library of Congress.

16 (3) PERSONNEL.—The laws with respect to the
17 personnel of the Federal Government shall apply to
18 the personnel of the Copyright Office to the same
19 extent as such laws apply to the Library of Con-
20 gress. Each officer or employee of the Copyright Of-
21 fice shall be appointed solely with reference to the
22 fitness of the officer or employee to carry out the
23 particular duties of the officer or employee.

1 **SEC. 7. GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE PERSONNEL**
2 **REFORMS.**

3 (a) APPLICATION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL AC-
4 COUNTABILITY ACT TO THE GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING
5 OFFICE.—Section 101(a) of the Congressional Account-
6 ability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1301(a)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (3)—

8 (A) in subparagraph (J), by striking “or”;

9 (B) in subparagraph (K), by striking the
10 period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(L) the Government Publishing Office.”;

13 (2) in paragraph (7), by striking “through (K)”
14 and inserting “through (L)”;

15 (3) in paragraph (8), by striking “through (K)”
16 and inserting “through (L)”;

17 (4) in paragraph (9)(D)—

18 (A) by striking “and the John” and insert-
19 ing “the John”; and

20 (B) by inserting “, and the Government
21 Publishing Office” before “; or”.

22 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

23 (1) Section 2301(a) of title 5, United States
24 Code, is amended to read as follows:

25 “(a) This section shall apply to an Executive agen-
26 cy.”.

1 (2) Section 2302(a)(2)(C) of title 5, United
2 States Code, is amended by striking “and the Gov-
3 ernment Publishing Office”.

4 (3) Section 4301(1) of title 5, United States
5 Code, is amended—

6 (A) by striking “(1) ‘agency’ means—”
7 and all that follows through “but does not in-
8 clude—” and inserting the following:

9 “(1) ‘agency’ means an Executive agency, but
10 does not include—”; and

11 (B) by redesignating clauses (i), (ii), and
12 (iii) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C).

13 (4) Section 4701(a)(1) of title 5, United States
14 Code, is amended by striking “and the Government
15 Publishing Office”.

16 (5) Section 5102(a)(1) of title 5, United States
17 Code, is amended—

18 (A) by striking subparagraph (D); and

19 (B) redesignating subparagraphs (E) and
20 (F) as subparagraphs (D) and (E), respectively.

21 **SEC. 8. HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE**
22 **GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 305(a) of title 44, United
24 States Code, is amended—

25 (1) in the first sentence—

1 (A) by striking “other persons” and insert-
 2 ing “other people”; and

3 (B) by striking “the persons employed”
 4 and inserting “those employed”;

5 (2) in the second sentence, by striking “per-
 6 sons” and inserting “people”;

7 (3) by striking the third sentence; and

8 (4) by striking “oftener than once a year.” and
 9 inserting “more often than once a year.”.

10 (b) HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 44, United
 12 States Code, is amended by inserting after section
 13 306 the following:

14 **“§ 306A. Director of the Government Publishing Of-**
 15 **fice; human capital management system**

16 “(a) The Director of the Government Publishing Of-
 17 fice shall establish and maintain a human capital manage-
 18 ment system (in this section referred to as the ‘system’).

19 “(b) The system shall—

20 “(1) include the merit system principles set
 21 forth under section 2301(b) of title 5;

22 “(2) prohibit any personnel practice prohibited
 23 under section 2302(b) of title 5;

24 “(3) prohibit any political activity prohibited
 25 under subchapter III of chapter 73 of title 5;

1 “(4) ensure that officers and employees of the
2 Government Publishing Office are appointed, pro-
3 moted, and assigned only on the basis of merit and
4 fitness;

5 “(5) be established without regard to the provi-
6 sions of title 5 governing appointments and other
7 personnel actions in the competitive service; and

8 “(6) give a preference to an individual eligible
9 for a hiring preference in the executive branch of the
10 United States Government in a way and to an extent
11 consistent with the preference given the individual
12 for a position in the executive branch.

13 “(c)(1) The Director may prescribe regulations about
14 the system only—

15 “(A) after notice and opportunity for public
16 comment; and

17 “(B) with the approval of the Joint Committee
18 on Printing.

19 “(2) An officer or employee of the Government Pub-
20 lishing Office may not make a reprisal or threat of reprisal
21 against another officer or employee of the Government
22 Publishing Office because of comments on a proposed reg-
23 ulation about the system.”.

24 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of
25 sections for chapter 3 of title 44, United States

1 Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating
 2 to section 306 the following:

“306A. Director of the Government Publishing Office; human capital management system.”.

3 (c) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section or the
 4 amendments made by this section shall be construed to
 5 affect any proceeding or payment of an award or settle-
 6 ment relating to a claim which is pending on the effective
 7 date of this section under—

8 (1) title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42
 9 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq.);

10 (2) chapter 71 of title 5, United States Code
 11 (relating to Federal service labor-management rela-
 12 tions);

13 (3) an appeal to the Merit Systems Protection
 14 Board; or

15 (4) subchapter II, chapter 12, of title 5, United
 16 States Code.

17 **SEC. 9. UPDATE TO PRINT REQUIREMENTS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 501 of title 44, United
 19 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

20 **“§ 501. Government printing, binding, blank-book**
 21 **work, and publishing services by the**
 22 **Government Publishing Office**

23 “The Government Publishing Office may perform
 24 printing, binding, blank-book work, and publishing serv-

ices for Congress, the Executive Office of the President, the Judiciary, and every executive department, independent office, and establishment of the Government.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 207(a) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1993 (44 U.S.C. 501 note) is repealed.

(2) The table of sections for chapter 5 of title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 501 and inserting the following:

“501. Government printing, binding, blank-book work, and publishing services by the Government Publishing Office.”.

SEC. 10. APPLICABILITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), this Act and the amendments made by this Act shall apply on and after the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—

(1) LIBRARIAN.—

(A) APPOINTMENT.—Subsection (a) of section 3 of the Librarian of Congress Succession Modernization Act of 2015, as redesignated and amended by this Act, shall apply to any appointment to the position of Librarian of Congress made on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

1 (B) REMOVAL.—Subsection (d) of section
2 3 of the Librarian of Congress Succession Mod-
3 ernization Act of 2015, as redesignated and
4 amended by this Act, shall apply with respect to
5 an individual appointed to the position of Li-
6 brarian of Congress before, on, or after the date
7 of enactment of this Act.

8 (C) PAY.—Subsection (b) of section 904 of
9 the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1983 (2
10 U.S.C. 136a–2), as added by this Act, shall
11 apply on and after the first day of the first ap-
12 plicable pay period beginning on or after the
13 date of enactment of this Act.

14 (2) DEPUTY LIBRARIAN APPOINTMENT.—Sub-
15 sections (a)(1), (b), and (c) of section 4 of the Li-
16 brarian of Congress Succession Modernization Act of
17 2015, as added by this Act, shall apply to any ap-
18 pointment to the position of Deputy Librarian of
19 Congress made on or after the date of enactment of
20 this Act.

21 (3) DIRECTOR OF GPO.—

22 (A) APPOINTMENT.—Subsection (a)(2) of
23 section 301 of title 44, United States Code, as
24 amended by this Act, shall apply to any ap-
25 pointment to the position of Director of the

1 Government Publishing Office made on or after
2 the date of enactment of this Act.

3 (B) REMOVAL.—Subsection (d) of section
4 301 of title 44, United States Code, as added
5 by this Act, shall apply with respect to an indi-
6 vidual appointed to the position of Director of
7 the Government Publishing Office before, on, or
8 after the date of enactment of this Act.

9 (C) PAY.—Subsection (b) of section 303 of
10 title 44, United States Code, as added by this
11 Act, shall apply on and after the first day of
12 the first applicable pay period beginning on or
13 after the date of enactment of this Act.

14 (4) DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF GPO APPOINT-
15 MENT.—Subsections (b)(1), (c), and (d) of section
16 302 of title 44, United States Code, as added by this
17 Act, shall apply to any appointment to the position
18 of Deputy Director of the Government Publishing
19 Office made on or after the date of enactment of
20 this Act.

21 (5) REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS; SUBORDINATE
22 OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES GENERALLY.—Section
23 701(a) of title 17, United States Code, as amended
24 by this Act, shall apply to any appointment to the
25 position of Register of Copyrights or to the position

1 of a subordinate officer or employee of the Copyright
2 Office made on or after the date of enactment of
3 this Act.

4 (6) ASSOCIATE REGISTERS OF COPYRIGHTS.—
5 Section 701(f) of title 17, United States Code, as
6 amended by this Act, shall apply to any appointment
7 to the position of Associate Register of Copyrights
8 made on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

9 (7) COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES.—Sections
10 801(a) and 802(d)(1) of title 17, United States
11 Code, as amended by this Act, shall apply to any ap-
12 pointment to the position of Copyright Royalty
13 Judge (including the Chief Copyright Royalty Judge
14 or an interim Copyright Royalty Judge) made on or
15 after the date of enactment of this Act.

16 (8) COPYRIGHT CLAIMS OFFICERS.—Section
17 1502(b)(1) of title 17, United States Code, as
18 amended by this Act, shall apply to any appointment
19 to the position of Copyright Claims Officer made on
20 or after the date of enactment of this Act.

21 (9) HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
22 FOR THE GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE.—Sec-
23 tion 8 and the amendments made by section 8 shall
24 take effect on the date that is 180 days after the
25 date of enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 11. SEVERABILITY.**

2 If any provision of this Act or any amendment made
3 by this Act, or the application of any such provision or
4 amendment to any person or circumstance, is held to be
5 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act, and the appli-
6 cation of such provision or amendment to any other person
7 or circumstance, shall not be affected by the holding.

 Passed the House of Representatives September 14,
2026.

Attest:

Clerk.

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