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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRIFFITH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Legislative Branch
5 Agencies Clarification Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Librarian of Congress Suc-
3 cession Modernization Act of 2015 (Public Law 114–86;
4 129 Stat. 675), is amended—

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

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

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

8 **“SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

9 “In this Act:

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

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

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

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

24 “(5) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP.—
25 The term ‘oversight committee leadership’ means the
26 chair and ranking minority member of the Com-

mittee on House Administration of the House of
Representatives and the chairman and ranking mi-
nority member of the Committee on Rules and Ad-
ministration of the Senate.”; and

(4) in section 3, as so redesignated—

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

“(a) APPOINTMENT.—

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

“(2) APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES.—

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

“(B) SELECTION BY LEADERS.—The Li-
brarian shall be appointed from among the 3
individuals recommended under subparagraph
(A) upon a majority vote of the House and Sen-
ate leadership.”;

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

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

6 (D) by striking subsection (d) and insert-
7 ing the following:

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

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

13 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “Notwith-
14 standing”; and

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

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

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

23 The Librarian of Congress Succession Modernization
24 Act of 2015 (Public Law 114–86; 129 Stat. 675), is

1 amended by inserting after section 3, as so redesignated,
2 the following:

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

4 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPUTY LIBRARIAN.—

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

8 “(2) DUTIES.—The Librarian may delegate to
9 the Deputy Librarian such duties as the Librarian
10 determines are necessary or appropriate.

11 “(b) DEADLINE.—The Librarian shall appoint a
12 Deputy Librarian under subsection (a)(1) not later than
13 120 days after—

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 “(e) SERVICE AS ACTING LIBRARIAN.—

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

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

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

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

22 “(ii) upon a majority vote of the
23 members of the House and Senate leader-
24 ship, the individual recommended under

1 clause (i) shall be designated to serve as
 2 acting Librarian.

3 “(B) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT.—An indi-
 4 vidual designated as acting Librarian under
 5 subparagraph (A) may serve until—

6 “(i) the end of the absence or dis-
 7 ability of the Librarian or the Deputy Li-
 8 brarian; or

9 “(ii) in the case of vacancies in both
 10 positions, a Librarian has been appointed
 11 under section 3.

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

17 **SEC. 4. DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OF-**
 18 **FICE.**

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

21 (1) by inserting before section 301 the fol-
 22 lowing:

23 **“§ 300. Definitions**

24 “In this chapter—

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

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

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

16 (2) in section 301—

17 (A) by striking subsection (a) and insert-
18 ing the following:

19 “(a)(1) The Government Publishing Office shall be
20 headed by a Director.

21 “(2)(A) The Director shall be appointed by the com-
22 mission in accordance with the procedures specified in
23 subparagraph (B), without regard to political affiliation,
24 and solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties
25 of the office.

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

5 “(ii) The Director shall be appointed from among the
6 3 individuals recommended under clause (i), upon a ma-
7 jority vote of the House and Senate leadership.”;

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 “(b) The Director of the Government Publishing Of-
22 fice shall not be considered to serve under a political ap-
23 pointment for purposes of section 747 of the Financial
24 Services and General Government Appropriations Act,
25 2024 (division B of Public Law 118–47; 138 Stat. 585),

1 or any other subsequently enacted similar provision of
2 law.”.

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

“300. Definitions.”.

7 **SEC. 5. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENT PUB-**
8 **LISHING OFFICE.**

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

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

13 “(a) In this section—

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

17 “(2) the term ‘Director’ means the Director of
18 the Government Publishing Office.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 (b) SERVICE AS ACTING DIRECTOR.—Section 304 of
20 title 44, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-
21 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 the Judici-

1 ary of the House of Representa-
2 tives and the Committee on the
3 Judiciary of the Senate shall
4 jointly recommend 3 individuals
5 whom the President may consider
6 in making the appointment. The
7 subordinate officers and employ-
8 ees of the Copyright Office shall
9 be appointed by the Register of
10 Copyrights.”;

11 (II) in subsection (d)—

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

14 (bb) by striking the second
15 sentence; and

16 (III) in subsection (f), by striking
17 the second and third sentences and in-
18 serting the following: “The Register of
19 Copyrights shall establish not more
20 than 4 positions for Associate Reg-
21 isters of Copyrights and shall make
22 appointments to those positions.”;

23 (ii) in section 702, by striking the sec-
24 ond sentence; and

1 (iii) in section 704(d), by striking
2 “joint discretion of the Register and the
3 Librarian” and inserting “discretion of the
4 Register, in consultation with the Librar-
5 ian,”;

6 (C) in chapter 8—

7 (i) in section 801—

8 (I) in subsection (a)—

9 (aa) in the first sentence, by
10 striking “Librarian of Congress”
11 and inserting “Register of Copy-
12 rights”; and

13 (bb) by striking the second
14 sentence;

15 (II) in subsection (d), by striking
16 “Librarian of Congress” and inserting
17 “Register of Copyrights”; and

18 (III) in subsection (e)—

19 (aa) in the heading, by
20 striking “LIBRARY OF CON-
21 GRESS” and inserting “COPY-
22 RIGHT OFFICE”; and

23 (bb) by striking “Library of
24 Congress” and inserting “Copy-
25 right Office”;

1 (ii) in section 802—

2 (I) in subsection (d)—

3 (aa) in paragraph (1), in the
4 first sentence, by striking “Li-
5 brarian of Congress” and insert-
6 ing “Register of Copyrights”;
7 and

8 (bb) in paragraph (2), by
9 striking “Librarian of Congress”
10 and inserting “Register of Copy-
11 rights”;

12 (II) in subsection (f)(2)—

13 (aa) in subparagraph (A),
14 by striking “Library of Con-
15 gress” and inserting “Copyright
16 Office”; and

17 (bb) in subparagraph (B),
18 by striking “Librarian of Con-
19 gress” and inserting “Register of
20 Copyrights”;

21 (III) in subsection (h), by strik-
22 ing “Librarian of Congress” and in-
23 serting “Register of Copyrights”; and

24 (IV) in subsection (i)—

1 (aa) by striking “Librarian
2 of Congress” each place that
3 term appears and inserting “Reg-
4 ister of Copyrights”; and

5 (bb) in the third sentence,
6 by striking “Librarian” and in-
7 serting “Register of Copyrights”;
8 and

9 (iii) in section 803—

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

12 (aa) by striking “the Librar-
13 ian of Congress” and inserting
14 “the Register of Copyrights”;
15 and

16 (bb) by striking “of the Li-
17 brarian of Congress or” and in-
18 serting “of”;

19 (II) in subsection (b)(6)(A), in
20 the second sentence, by striking “Li-
21 brarian of Congress” and inserting
22 “Register of Copyrights”;

23 (III) in subsection (c)(6)—

24 (aa) by striking “Librarian
25 of Congress” each place that

term appears and inserting “Register of Copyrights”; and

(bb) in the second sentence, by striking “Librarian” and inserting “Register of Copyrights”; and

(IV) in subsection (e)(1)—

(aa) in the paragraph heading, by striking “LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND”; and

(bb) in subparagraph (A)—

(AA) by striking “The Librarian of Congress” and inserting “The Register of Copyrights”; and

(BB) by striking “the Librarian of Congress, the Copyright Office, and” and inserting “the Copyright Office and”;

(D) in section 1007—

(i) in subsection (b), in the third sentence, by striking “Librarian of Congress” and inserting “Register of Copyrights”; and

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

4 (E) in section 1201(a)(1)—

5 (i) in subparagraph (C)—

6 (I) in the matter preceding clause

7 (i)—

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

23 (bb) in the second sentence,
24 by striking “the Librarian” and

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

3 (II) in clause (v), by striking
4 “Librarian” and inserting “Register
5 of Copyrights”; and

6 (ii) in subparagraph (D), by striking
7 “Librarian” each place that term appears
8 and inserting “Register of Copyrights”;

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

11 (G) in chapter 15—

12 (i) in section 1502(b)—

13 (I) in paragraph (1)—

14 (aa) in the first sentence, by
15 striking “recommend” and in-
16 serting “appoint”; and

17 (bb) by striking the second
18 sentence;

19 (II) in paragraph (6)—

20 (aa) in subparagraph (A)(i),
21 by striking “the Librarian of
22 Congress shall, upon the rec-
23 ommendation of, and in consulta-
24 tion with, the Register of Copy-

rights,” and inserting “the Register of Copyrights shall”; and

(bb) in subparagraph (B), by striking “the Librarian of Congress shall, upon recommendation of, and in consultation with, the Register of Copyrights,” and inserting “the Register of Copyrights shall”; and

(III) in paragraph (7), by striking “Librarian of Congress” and inserting “Register of Copyrights”; and

(ii) in section 1503(b)(3), by striking “Library of Congress or”.

(2) AMENDMENTS TO OTHER LAWS.—

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

(B) UNLOCKING CONSUMER CHOICE AND WIRELESS COMPETITION ACT.—Section 2 of the Unlocking Consumer Choice and Wireless Com-

petition Act (17 U.S.C. 1201 note; Public Law 113–144) is amended—

(i) in the heading, by striking “**BY LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS**”;

(ii) in subsection (a), by inserting after “United States Code,” the following: “(as in effect before the date of enactment of the Legislative Branch Agencies Clarification Act)”;

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 “(A) the Librarian of Congress under sec-
7 tion 1201(a)(1) of title 17, United States Code,
8 as in effect before the date of enactment of the
9 Legislative Branch Agencies Clarification Act;
10 or

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

16 (C) ACT OF JUNE 13, 1957.—The first sec-
17 tion of the Act entitled “An Act to fix the re-
18 sponsibilities of certifying officers and dis-
19 bursing officer of the Library of Congress”, ap-
20 proved June 13, 1957 (2 U.S.C. 142b), is
21 amended by striking “, including the Copyright
22 Office,”.

23 (b) REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS QUALIFICATIONS;
24 TERM OF OFFICE.—Section 701(a) of title 17, as amend-
25 ed by this section, is amended—

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

5 (2) by inserting before “The subordinate offi-
6 cers” the following: “The Register of Copyrights
7 shall be appointed for a term of 10 years, but if the
8 Register is appointed to fill a vacancy occurring
9 prior to the expiration of the term for which the
10 most immediate predecessor was appointed, the Reg-
11 ister shall be appointed for the remainder of such
12 term. The Register may be reappointed for 1 or
13 more additional terms of 5 years each.”.

14 (c) ESTABLISHMENT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF
15 THE COPYRIGHT OFFICE.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 415(a)(1)(A) of title
17 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “and
18 the United States Postal Service” and inserting “the
19 United States Postal Service, and the Copyright Of-
20 fice”.

21 (2) RELATION TO INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE
22 LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.—Section 1307 of the Legis-
23 lative Branch Appropriations Act, 2006 (2 U.S.C.
24 185) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(i) NO OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY OVER COPYRIGHT
2 OFFICE.—The Inspector General shall have no oversight
3 authority with respect to the Copyright Office.”.

4 (d) APPOINTMENT OF ACTING OFFICERS BY ACTING
5 REGISTER.—Section 701(a) of title 17, United States
6 Code, as amended by this section, is amended by adding
7 at the end the following: “Any officer appointed by an act-
8 ing Register of Copyrights, including a Copyright Royalty
9 Judge, shall be an acting officer, and may be removed
10 from office at any time by an individual serving in the
11 office of Register of Copyrights pursuant to an appoint-
12 ment by the President, by and with the advice and consent
13 of the Senate.”.

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

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

1 “(g) SUPPORT AGREEMENTS; REIMBURSEMENT.—
 2 The Library of Congress and any other agency or office
 3 in the legislative branch of the Federal Government may
 4 provide administrative, facilities, financial management,
 5 information technology, legal, security, and other appro-
 6 priate support to the Copyright Office as provided under
 7 an agreement for services entered into by the applicable
 8 agency or office and the Copyright Office.”.

9 **SEC. 7. GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE PERSONNEL**
 10 **REFORMS.**

11 (a) CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.—

12 (1) APPLICATION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL AC-
 13 COUNTABILITY ACT TO THE GOVERNMENT PUB-
 14 LISHING OFFICE.—Section 101(a) of the Congres-
 15 sional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C.
 16 1301(a)) is amended—

17 (A) in paragraph (3)—

18 (i) in subparagraph (J), by striking
 19 “or”;

20 (ii) in subparagraph (K), by striking
 21 the period at the end and inserting “; or”;
 22 and

23 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
 24 lowing:

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

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

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

5 (D) in paragraph (9)(D)—

6 (i) by striking “and the John” and in-
7 serting “the John”; and

8 (ii) by inserting “, and the Govern-
9 ment Publishing Office” before “; or”.

10 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

11 (A) Section 2301(a) of title 5, United
12 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

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

15 (B) Section 2302(a)(2)(C) of title 5,
16 United States Code, is amended by striking
17 “and the Government Publishing Office”.

18 (C) Section 4301(1) of title 5, United
19 States Code, is amended—

20 (i) by striking “(1) ‘agency’ means—
21 ” and all that follows through “but does
22 not include—” and inserting the following:

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

1 (ii) by redesignating clauses (i), (ii),
 2 and (iii) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and
 3 (C).

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

7 (E) Section 5102(a)(1) of title 5, United
 8 States Code, is amended—

9 (i) by striking subparagraph (D); and
 10 (ii) redesignating subparagraphs (E)
 11 and (F) as subparagraphs (D) and (E), re-
 12 spectively.

13 **SEC. 8. HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE**
 14 **GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE.**

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

17 (1) in the first sentence—

18 (A) by striking “other persons” and insert-
 19 ing “other people”; and

20 (B) by striking “the persons employed”
 21 and inserting “those employed”;

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

24 (3) by striking the third sentence; and

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

3 (b) HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 44, United
5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section
6 306 the following:

7 **“§ 306A. Director of the Government Publishing Of-**
8 **fice; human capital management system**

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

12 “(b) The system shall—

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

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

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

19 “(4) ensure that officers and employees of the
20 Government Publishing Office are appointed, pro-
21 moted, and assigned only on the basis of merit and
22 fitness;

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

1 “(6) give a preference to an individual eligible
 2 for a hiring preference in the executive branch of the
 3 United States Government in a way and to an extent
 4 consistent with the preference given the individual
 5 for a position in the executive branch.

6 “(c)(1) The Director may prescribe regulations about
 7 the system only—

8 “(A) after notice and opportunity for public
 9 comment; and

10 “(B) with the approval of the Joint Committee
 11 on Printing.

12 “(2) An officer or employee of the Government Pub-
 13 lishing Office may not make a reprisal or threat of reprisal
 14 against another officer or employee of the Government
 15 Publishing Office because of comments on a proposed reg-
 16 ulation about the system.”.

17 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of
 18 sections for chapter 3 of title 44, United States
 19 Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating
 20 to section 306 the following:

“306A. Director of the Government Publishing Office; human capital manage-
 ment system.”.

21 (c) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section or the
 22 amendments made by this section shall be construed to
 23 affect any proceeding or payment of an award or settle-

1 ment relating to a claim which is pending on the effective
 2 date of this section under—

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

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

8 (3) an appeal to the Merit Systems Protection
 9 Board; or

10 (4) subchapter II, chapter 12, of title 5, United
 11 States Code.

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

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

15 **“§ 501. Government printing, binding, blank-book**
 16 **work, and publishing services by the**
 17 **Government Publishing Office**

18 “The Government Publishing Office may perform
 19 printing, binding, blank-book work, and publishing serv-
 20 ices for Congress, the Executive Office of the President,
 21 the Judiciary, and every executive department, inde-
 22 pendent office, and establishment of the Government.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

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

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

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

8 **SEC. 10. APPLICABILITY.**

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

12 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—

13 (1) LIBRARIAN.—

14 (A) APPOINTMENT.—Subsection (a) of sec-
15 tion 3 of the Librarian of Congress Succession
16 Modernization Act of 2015, as redesignated and
17 amended by this Act, shall apply to any ap-
18 pointment to the position of Librarian of Con-
19 gress made on or after the date of enactment
20 of this Act.

21 (B) REMOVAL.—Subsection (d) of section
22 3 of the Librarian of Congress Succession Mod-
23 ernization Act of 2015, as redesignated and
24 amended by this Act, shall apply with respect to

1 an individual appointed to the position of Li-
2 brarian of Congress before, on, or after the date
3 of enactment of this Act.

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

10 (2) DEPUTY LIBRARIAN APPOINTMENT.—Sub-
11 sections (a)(1), (b), and (c) of section 4 of the Li-
12 brarian of Congress Succession Modernization Act of
13 2015, as added by this Act, shall apply to any ap-
14 pointment to the position of Deputy Librarian of
15 Congress made on or after the date of enactment of
16 this Act.

17 (3) DIRECTOR OF GPO.—

18 (A) APPOINTMENT.—Subsection (a)(2) of
19 section 301 of title 44, United States Code, as
20 amended by this Act, shall apply to any ap-
21 pointment to the position of Director of the
22 Government Publishing Office made on or after
23 the date of enactment of this Act.

24 (B) REMOVAL.—Subsection (d) of section
25 301 of title 44, United States Code, as added

1 by this Act, shall apply with respect to an indi-
2 vidual appointed to the position of Director of
3 the Government Publishing Office before, on, or
4 after the date of enactment of this Act.

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

10 (4) DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF GPO APPOINT-
11 MENT.—Subsections (b)(1), (c), and (d) of section
12 302 of title 44, United States Code, as added by this
13 Act, shall apply to any appointment to the position
14 of Deputy Director of the Government Publishing
15 Office made on or after the date of enactment of
16 this Act.

17 (5) REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS; SUBORDINATE
18 OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES GENERALLY.—Section
19 701(a) of title 17, United States Code, as amended
20 by this Act, shall apply to any appointment to the
21 position of Register of Copyrights or to the position
22 of a subordinate officer or employee of the Copyright
23 Office made on or after the date of enactment of
24 this Act.

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

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

13 (8) COPYRIGHT CLAIMS OFFICERS.—Section
14 1502(b)(1) of title 17, United States Code, as
15 amended by this Act, shall apply to any appointment
16 to the position of Copyright Claims Officer made on
17 or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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

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