

## AMENDMENTS

2020—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 116-260, §116(b)(2)(B), substituted “House Communications Standards Commission” for “House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards” in two places.

Subsec. (e)(1)(B). Pub. L. 116-260, §116(b)(2)(B), substituted “House Communications Standards Commission” for “House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards”.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 116-260, §116(c)(2)(B), designated existing provisions as par. (1), substituted “Except as provided in paragraph (2), a Member” for “A Member”, and added par. (2).

Pub. L. 116-260, §116(c)(2)(A), substituted “any mass communication” for “any mass mailing”, “matter” for “mail matter”, “House Communications Standards Commission” for “House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards”, and “such proposed communication” for “such proposed mailing”.

Pub. L. 116-260, §116(b)(2)(B), substituted “House Communications Standards Commission” for “House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards”.

Subsec. (g)(3). Pub. L. 116-260, §116(c)(2)(C), added par. (3).

2003—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 108-83, in introductory provisions, struck out “in the House, or official expenses” after “defray official expenses” and “in the Senate” after “(excluding handheld communications devices)”.

2001—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 107-68, in introductory provisions, inserted “in the House, or official expenses for franked mail, employee salaries, office space, furniture, or equipment and any associated information technology services (excluding handheld communications devices) in the Senate” after “expenses”.

1999—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 106-57, §103(a)(4)(B), substituted “costs incurred for official mail by” for “costs charged against the Official Mail Allowance for”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 106-19 substituted “any person with an allocation under subsection (a)(2)(A) as to the amount that has been used and any person with an allocation under subsection (a)(2)(B)” for “any person with an allocation under subsection (a)(2)”.

Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 106-57, §103(a)(1)(A), in introductory provisions, substituted “The use of funds of the House of Representatives which are made available for official mail of Members, officers, and employees of the House of Representatives who are persons entitled to use the congressional frank shall be governed by regulations promulgated—” for “There is established in the House of Representatives an Official Mail Allowance for Members, officers, and employees of the House of Representatives who are persons entitled to use the congressional frank. Regulations for use of the Official Mail Allowance shall be prescribed—”.

Subsec. (e)(1)(A). Pub. L. 106-57, §103(a)(1)(B), substituted “official mail (except as provided in subparagraph (B))” for “the Allowance”.

Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 106-57, §103(a)(2)(A), substituted “Funds used for official mail—” for “The Official Mail Allowance—” in introductory provisions.

Pub. L. 106-57, §102, made technical correction to directory language of Pub. L. 105-275, §104(a). See 1998 Amendment note below.

Subsec. (e)(2)(A) to (C). Pub. L. 106-57, §103(a)(2)(B), (C), redesignated subpars. (B) and (C) as (A) and (B), respectively, and struck out former subpar. (A) which read as follows: “shall be available for postage for franked mail sent at a first class, third class, or fourth class rate;”.

Subsec. (e)(3). Pub. L. 106-57, §103(a)(3), struck out par. (3) which read as follows:

“(3)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), each Member of the House of Representatives may transfer amounts from the Members’ Representational Allowance of the Member to the Official Mail Allowance of the Member.

“(B) The total amount a Member may so transfer with respect to a session of Congress may not exceed \$25,000.”

1998—Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 105-275, §104(a), as amended by Pub. L. 106-57, §102, inserted “and” at end of sub-

par. (B), substituted a period for “; and” at end of subpar. (C), and struck out subpar. (D) which read as follows: “shall not be available for payment of any non-postage fee or charge, including any fee or charge for express mail, express mail drop shipment, certified mail, registered mail, return receipt, address correction, or postal insurance.”

Subsec. (e)(4). Pub. L. 105-275, §104(b), struck out par. (4) which read as follows: “The Members’ Representational Allowance shall be available to a Member of the House of Representatives for the payment of nonpostage fees and charges referred to in paragraph (2)(D) and for postage for mail for official business sent outside the United States.”

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-186, §203(22)(B)(i), substituted “House Oversight” for “House Administration” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 104-186, §203(22)(A), (B)(ii), substituted “Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives” for “Clerk of the House of Representatives” and “House Oversight” for “House Administration”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-186, §203(22)(B)(iii), substituted “House Oversight” for “House Administration” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (e)(1)(A). Pub. L. 104-186, §203(22)(B)(iv), substituted “House Oversight” for “House Administration”.

Subsec. (e)(2)(A). Pub. L. 104-186, §203(22)(B)(v), struck out “only” after “available”.

Subsec. (e)(3)(A). Pub. L. 104-186, §203(22)(B)(vi), substituted “Members’ Representational Allowance” for “Official Expenses Allowance and the Clerk Hire Allowance”.

Subsec. (e)(4). Pub. L. 104-186, §203(22)(B)(vii), substituted “Members’ Representational Allowance” for “Official Expenses Allowance”.

1991—Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 102-229 substituted “beginning on May 1, 1992,” for “with respect to sessions of Congress beginning with the second session of the One Hundred Second Congress,”.

## Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

## CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on House Oversight of House of Representatives changed to Committee on House Administration of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Sixth Congress, Jan. 6, 1999.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2020 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 116-260 applicable with respect to communications disseminated on or after Dec. 27, 2020, see section 116(f) of div. I of Pub. L. 116-260, set out as a note under section 501 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-83, title I, §105(b), Sept. 30, 2003, 117 Stat. 1018, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2004 and each succeeding fiscal year.”

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1999 AMENDMENTS

Amendment by section 103(a)(1)–(3), (4)(B) of Pub. L. 106-57 applicable with respect to the first session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress and each succeeding session of Congress, see section 103(c) of Pub. L. 106-57, set out as a note under section 4313 of this title.

Pub. L. 106-19, §1(b), Apr. 8, 1999, 113 Stat. 29, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to January 1999 and each succeeding month.”

### § 504. Mass mailings by Senate offices; quarterly statements; publication of summary tabulations

Two weeks after the close of each calendar quarter, or as soon as practicable thereafter, the

Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate shall send to each Senate office a statement of the cost of postage and paper and of the other operating expenses incurred as a result of mass mailings processed for such Senate office during such quarter. The statement shall separately identify the cost of postage and paper and other costs, and shall distinguish the costs attributable to newsletters and all other mass mailings. The statement shall also include the total cost per capita in the State. A compilation of all such statements shall be sent to the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration. A summary tabulation of such information shall be published quarterly in the Congressional Record and included in the semiannual report of the Secretary of the Senate. Such summary tabulation shall set forth for each Senate office the following information: the Senate office's name, the total number of pieces of mass mail mailed during the quarter, the total cost of such mail, and, in the case of Senators, the cost of such mail divided by the total population of the State from which the Senator was elected, and the total number of pieces of mass mail divided by the total population of the State from which the Senator was elected, and in the case of each Senator, the allocation made to such Senator from the appropriation for official mail expenses.

(Pub. L. 101-520, title III, §318, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 2283; Pub. L. 103-283, title I, §3(b), July 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 1427.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 59f of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1991.

##### AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-283 inserted before period at end “, and in the case of each Senator, the allocation made to such Senator from the appropriation for official mail expenses”.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 103-283, title I, §3(c), July 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 1427, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 4108 of this title] shall be effective with respect to—

“(1) reports and statements covering periods beginning on and after October 1, 1994; and

“(2) appropriations made and obligations incurred on and after such date.”

#### § 505. Mass mailing of information by Senators under frank; quarterly registration with Secretary of Senate

In fiscal year 1991 and thereafter, when a Senator disseminates information under the frank by a mass mailing (as defined in section 3210(a)(6)(E) of title 39), the Senator shall register quarterly with the Secretary of the Senate such mass mailings. Such registration shall be made by filing with the Secretary a copy of the matter mailed and providing, on a form supplied

by the Secretary, a description of the group or groups of persons to whom the mass mailing was mailed and the number of pieces mailed.

(Pub. L. 101-520, title III, §320, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 2285.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 59g of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1991.

#### § 506. Mass mailing sent by House Members

##### (a) Notice that mailing is at taxpayer expense

(1) Each mass mailing sent by a Member of the House of Representatives shall bear in a prominent place on its face, or on the envelope or outside cover or wrapper in which the mail matter is sent, one of the notices described in paragraph (2) or a notice to the same effect in words which may be prescribed under subsection (c). The notice shall be printed in a type size not smaller than 7-point.

(2) The notices described in this paragraph are as follows:

(A) “Paid for with official funds from the office of \_\_\_\_\_”, with the blank filled in with the name of the Member sending the mailing.

(B) “Paid for by the funds authorized by the House of Representatives for District \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_”, with the first blank filled in with the name of the congressional district number, and the second blank filled in with the name of the State, of the Member sending the mailing.

(C) “Paid for by official funds authorized by the House of Representatives.”

##### (b) Publication of each Member's total expense and amount

(1) There shall be published in the itemized report of disbursements of the House of Representatives as required by law, a summary tabulation setting forth, for the office of each Member of the House of Representatives, the total number of pieces of mass mail mailed during the period involved and the total cost of those mass mailings.

(2) Each such tabulation shall also include—

(A) the total cost (as referred to in paragraph (1)) divided by the number (as determined by the Postmaster General) of addresses (other than business possible delivery stops) in the Congressional district from which the Member was elected (as such addresses are described in section 3210(d)(7)(B) of title 39); and

(B) the total number of pieces of mass mail (as referred to in paragraph (1)) divided by the number (as determined by the Postmaster General) of addresses (other than business possible delivery stops) in the Congressional district from which the Member was elected (as such addresses are described in section 3210(d)(7)(B) of title 39).

##### (c) Regulations

The Committee on House Oversight shall prescribe such rules and regulations and shall take