

of a claim in an amount aggregating more than \$1,500 may also be investigated by the Comptroller General of the United States who shall submit a written report of his investigation to the Secretary of the Senate.

**(b) Prohibition of waiver**

The Secretary of the Senate may not exercise his authority under this section to waive any claim—

(1) if, in his opinion, there exists, in connection with the claim, an indication of fraud, misrepresentation, fault, or lack of good faith on the part of the Vice President, the Senator, the officer or employee, or any other person having an interest in obtaining a waiver of the claim; or

(2) if the application for waiver is received in his office after the expiration of 3 years immediately following the date on which the erroneous payment of pay or allowances was discovered.

**(c) Credit for waiver**

In the audit and settlement of accounts of any accountable officer or official, full credit shall be given for any amounts with respect to which collection by the United States is waived under this section.

**(d) Effect of waiver**

An erroneous payment, the collection of which is waived under this section, is deemed a valid payment for all purposes.

**(e) Construction with other laws**

This section does not affect any authority under any other law to litigate, settle, compromise, or waive any claim of the United States.

**(f) Rules and regulations**

The Secretary of the Senate shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

(Pub. L. 93-359, §2, July 25, 1974, 88 Stat. 394; Pub. L. 103-69, title III, §315, Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 713; Pub. L. 104-316, title I, §102(b), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3828.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section was formerly classified to section 130c of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

**AMENDMENTS**

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-316 in first sentence struck out “, if the claim is not the subject of an exception made by the Comptroller General in the account of any accountable officer or official” after “in part by the Secretary of the Senate”, and in third sentence substituted “\$1,500 may also” for “\$1,500 shall also”.

1993—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-69 substituted “\$1,500” for “\$500”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT**

Pub. L. 104-316, title I, §101(e), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3827, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), this title [see Tables for classification] shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 19, 1996].

“(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Sections 103(d), 105(b), and 116 [amending section 5584 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, section 2774 of Title 10, Armed Forces, and section 716 of Title 32, National Guard] shall take effect 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act.”

**§ 4594. Withholding and remittance of State income tax by Secretary of Senate**

**(a) Agreement by Secretary with appropriate State official; covered individuals**

Whenever—

(1) the law of any State provides for the collection of an income tax by imposing upon employers generally the duty of withholding sums from the compensation of employees and remitting such sums to the authorities of such State; and

(2) such duty to withhold is imposed generally with respect to the compensation of employees who are residents of such State;

then the Secretary of the Senate is authorized, in accordance with the provisions of this section, to enter into an agreement with the appropriate official of that State to provide for the withholding and remittance of sums for individuals—

(A) whose pay is disbursed by the Secretary; and

(B) who request the Secretary to make such withholdings for remittance to that State.

**(b) Number of remittances authorized**

Any agreement entered into under subsection (a) of this section shall not require the Secretary to remit such sums more often than once each calendar quarter.

**(c) Requests by individuals of Secretary for withholding and remittance; amount of withholding; number and effective date of requests; change of designated State; revocation of request; rules and regulations**

(1) An individual whose pay is disbursed by the Secretary may request the Secretary to withhold sums from his pay for remittance to the appropriate authorities of the State that he designates. Amounts of withholdings shall be made in accordance with those provisions of the law of that State which apply generally to withholding by employers.

(2) An individual may have in effect at any time only one request for withholdings, and he may not have more than two such requests in effect with respect to different States during any one calendar year. The request for withholdings is effective on the first day of the first month commencing after the day on which the request is received in the Disbursing Office of the Senate, except that—

(A) when the Secretary first enters into an agreement with a State, a request for withholdings shall be effective on such date as the Secretary may determine; and

(B) when an individual first receives an appointment, the request shall be effective on the day of appointment, if the individual makes the request at the time of appointment.

(3) An individual may change the State designated by him for the purposes of having withholdings made and request that the

withholdings be remitted in accordance with such change, and he may also revoke his request for withholdings. Any change in the State designated or revocation is effective on the first day of the first month commencing after the day on which the request for change or the revocation is received in the Disbursing Office.

(4) The Secretary is authorized to issue rules and regulations he considers appropriate in carrying out this subsection.

**(d) Time or times of agreements by Secretary**

The Secretary may enter into agreements under subsection (a) of this section at such time or times as he considers appropriate.

**(e) Provisions as not imposing duty, burden, requirement or penalty on United States, Senate, or any officer or employee of United States; effect of filing paper, form, or document with Secretary**

This section imposes no duty, burden, or requirement upon the United States, the Senate, or any officer or employee of the United States, except as specifically provided in this section. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to consent to the application of any provision of law which has the effect of subjecting the United States, the Senate, or any officer or employee of the United States to any penalty or liability by reason of the provisions of this section. Any paper, form, or document filed with the Secretary under this section is a paper of the Senate within the provisions of rule XXX of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

**(f) “State” defined**

For the purposes of this section, “State” means any of the States of the United States and the District of Columbia.

(Pub. L. 93-371, § 2, Aug. 13, 1974, 88 Stat. 427.)

**Editorial Notes**

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

The Standing Rules of the Senate, referred to in subsec. (e), were revised in 1979 and 2000. Provisions relating to withdrawal of papers from the files of the Senate which were formerly contained in Rule XXX of the Standing Rules of the Senate are contained in Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

**CODIFICATION**

Section was formerly classified to section 60c-3 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

**§ 4595. Payment for unaccrued leave**

**(a) In general**

The Financial Clerk of the Senate is authorized to accept from an individual whose pay is disbursed by the Secretary of<sup>1</sup> Senate a payment representing pay for any period of unaccrued annual leave used by that individual, as certified by the head of the employing office of the individual making the payment.

**(b) Withholding**

The Financial Clerk of the Senate is authorized to withhold the amount referred to in sub-

section (a) from any amount which is disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate and which is due to or on behalf of the individual described in subsection (a).

**(c) Deposit**

Any payment accepted under this section shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

**(d) “Head of the employing office” defined**

As used in this section, the term “head of the employing office” means any person with the final authority to appoint, hire, discharge, and set the terms, conditions, or privileges of the employment of an individual whose pay is disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate.

**(e) Applicability**

This section shall apply to fiscal year 1996 and each fiscal year thereafter.

(Pub. L. 104-197, title I, § 9, Sept. 16, 1996, 110 Stat. 2398.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section was formerly classified to section 60p of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1997, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1997.

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**SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL**

**§ 4701. Subletting duties of employees of Senate or House**

No employee of Congress, either in the Senate or House, shall sublet to, or hire, another to do

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be followed by “the”.