

penses for which payment is authorized to be made from the contingent fund of the Senate.

**(d) Effective date**

This section shall be effective on and after October 1, 1996.

(Pub. L. 104-197, title I, § 6, Sept. 16, 1996, 110 Stat. 2397.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

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**SUBCHAPTER V—HISTORICAL  
PRESERVATION AND FINE ARTS**

**PART A—UNITED STATES CAPITOL  
PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**§ 2081. United States Capitol Preservation Commission**

**(a) Establishment and purposes**

There is established in the Congress the United States Capitol Preservation Commission (hereinafter in this part referred to as the “Commission”) for the purposes of—

- (1) providing for improvements in, preservation of, and acquisitions for, the United States Capitol;
- (2) providing for works of fine art and other property for display in the United States Capitol and at other locations under the control of the Congress; and
- (3) conducting other activities that directly facilitate, encourage, or otherwise support any purposes specified in paragraph (1) or (2).

**(b) Membership**

The Commission shall be composed of the following Members of Congress:

- (1) The President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall be co-chairmen.
- (2) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Library.
- (3) The Chairman and the ranking minority party member of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, and the Chairman and the ranking minority party member of the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives.
- (4) The majority leader and the minority leader of the Senate.
- (5) The majority leader and the minority leader of the House of Representatives.
- (6) The Chairman of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Senate and the Chairman of the Commission of the House of Representatives Bicentenary, to be succeeded upon expiration of such commissions, by a Senator or Member of the House of Representatives, as appropriate, appointed by the Senate or House of Representatives co-chairman of the Commission, respectively.
- (7) One Senator appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate and one Senator appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

(8) One Member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one Member of the House of Representatives appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

**(c) Designees**

Each member of the Commission specified under subsection (b) (other than a member under paragraph (7) or (8) of such subsection) may designate a Senator or Member of the House of Representatives, as the case may be, to serve as a member of the Commission in place of the member so specified.

**(d) Architect of the Capitol**

In addition to the members under subsection (b), the Architect of the Capitol shall participate in the activities of the Commission, ex officio, and without the right to vote.

**(e) Staff support and assistance**

The Senate Commission on Art, the House of Representatives Fine Arts Board, and the Architect of the Capitol shall provide to the Commission such staff support and assistance as the Commission may request.

(Pub. L. 100-696, title VIII, § 801, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4608; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, § 221(7), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1749.)

**Editorial Notes**

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**AMENDMENTS**

1996—Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 104-186 substituted “House Oversight” for “House Administration”.

**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.

**§ 2082. Authority of Commission to accept gifts and conduct other transactions relating to works of fine art and other property**

**(a) In general**

In carrying out the purposes referred to in section 2081(a) of this title the Commission is authorized—

- (1) to accept gifts of works of fine art, gifts of other property, and gifts of money; and
- (2) to acquire property, administer property, dispose of property, and conduct other transactions related to such purposes.

**(b) Transfer and disposition of works of fine art and other property**

The Commission shall, with respect to works of fine art and other property received by the Commission—

- (1) in consultation with the Joint Committee on the Library, the Senate Commission on Art, or the House of Representatives Fine

Arts Board, as the case may be, transfer such property to the entity consulted;

(2) if a transfer described in paragraph (1) is not appropriate, dispose of the work of fine art by sale or other transaction; and

(3) in the case of property that is not directly related to the purposes referred to in section 2081(a) of this title, dispose of such property by sale or other transaction.

**(c) Requirements for conduct of transactions**

In conducting transactions under this section, the Commission shall—

(1) accept money only in the form of a check or similar instrument made payable to the Treasury of the United States and shall deposit any such check or instrument in accordance with section 2083 of this title;

(2) in making sales and engaging in other property transactions, take into consideration market conditions and other relevant factors; and

(3) assure that each transaction is directly related to the purposes referred to in section 2081(a) of this title.

(Pub. L. 100-696, title VIII, § 802, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4609; Pub. L. 101-302, title III, § 312(a), May 25, 1990, 104 Stat. 245.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

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**AMENDMENTS**

1990—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 101-302 amended par. (1) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (1) read as follows: “upon agreement with the Joint Committee on the Library, the Senate Commission on Art, or the House of Representatives Fine Arts Board, as the case may be, transfer such property to the entity with which the agreement is made;”.

**§ 2083. Capitol Preservation Fund**

**(a) In general**

There is established in the Treasury a fund, to be known as the “Capitol Preservation Fund” (hereafter in this part referred to as the “fund”), which shall consist of (1) amounts deposited, and interest and proceeds credited, under subsection (d), (2) obligations obtained under subsection (e), and (3) all surcharges received by the Secretary of the Treasury from the sale of coins minted under the Bicentennial of the United States Congress Commemorative Coin Act.

**(b) Availability of fund**

The fund shall be available to the Commission—

(1) for payment of transaction costs and similar expenses incurred under section 2082 of this title;

(2) subject to the approval of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, for improvement and preservation projects for the United States Capitol;

(3) for disbursement with respect to works of fine art and other property as provided in section 2082 of this title; and

(4) for such other payments as may be required to carry out section 2081 of this title or section 2082 of this title.

**(c) Transaction costs and proportionality**

In carrying out this section, the Commission shall, to the extent practicable, take such action as may be necessary—

(1) to minimize disbursements under subsection (b)(1); and

(2) to equalize disbursements under subsection (b) between the Senate and the House of Representatives.

**(d) Deposits, credits, and disbursements**

The Commission shall deposit in the fund gifts of money and proceeds of transactions under section 2082 of this title. The Secretary of the Treasury shall credit to the fund the interest on, and the proceeds from sale or redemption of, obligations held in the fund. Disbursements from the fund shall be made on vouchers approved by the Commission and signed by the co-chairmen.

**(e) Investments**

The Secretary of the Treasury shall invest any portion of the fund that, as determined by the Commission, is not required to meet current withdrawals. Each investment shall be made in an interest bearing obligation of the United States or an obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States that, as determined by the Commission has a maturity suitable for the fund. In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary may make such purchases, sales, and redemptions of obligations as may be approved by the Commission.

(Pub. L. 100-696, title VIII, § 803, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4609; Pub. L. 101-302, title III, § 312(b), May 25, 1990, 104 Stat. 245.)

**Editorial Notes**

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

The Bicentennial of the United States Congress Commemorative Coin Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 100-673, Nov. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 3992, which is set out as a note under section 5112 of Title 31, Money and Finance.

**CODIFICATION**

Section was classified to section 188a-2 of former Title 40, prior to the enactment of Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, by Pub. L. 107-217, § 1, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1062.

**AMENDMENTS**

1990—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 101-302, § 312(b)(1), struck out “subject to the approval, except for the purchase of fine art and antiques, of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate, respectively” after “The fund shall be available to the Commission”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 101-302, § 312(b)(2), inserted “subject to the approval of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate,” before “For improvement”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER FUNDING**

Pub. L. 107-117, div. B, § 913, Jan. 10, 2002, 115 Stat. 2324, provided that:

“(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the United States Capitol Preservation Commission established under section 801 of the Arizona-Idaho Conservation Act of 1988 (40 U.S.C. 188a) [now 2 U.S.C. 2081] may transfer to the Architect of the Capitol amounts in the Capitol Preservation Fund established under section 803 of such Act (40 U.S.C. 188a-2) [now 2 U.S.C. 2083] if the amounts are to be used by the Architect for the planning, engineering, design, or construction of the Capitol Visitor Center.

“(b) Any amounts transferred pursuant to subsection (a) shall remain available for the use of the Architect of the Capitol until expended.

“(c) This section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2002 and each succeeding fiscal year.”

#### § 2084. Audits by the Comptroller General

The Comptroller General shall conduct periodic audits of the transactions of the Commission, which shall be conducted at least once every 3 years, unless the Chairman or the Ranking Member of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate or the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Senate, or the Clerk of the House of Representatives requests that an audit be conducted at an earlier date, and shall report the results of each audit to the Congress.

(Pub. L. 100-696, title VIII, § 804, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4610; Pub. L. 112-234, § 2(a), Dec. 28, 2012, 126 Stat. 1624.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Section was classified to section 188a-3 of former Title 40, prior to the enactment of Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, by Pub. L. 107-217, § 1, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1062.

##### AMENDMENTS

2012—Pub. L. 112-234 substituted “periodic audits of the transactions of the Commission, which shall be conducted at least once every 3 years, unless the Chairman or the Ranking Member of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate or the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Senate, or the Clerk of the House of Representatives requests that an audit be conducted at an earlier date,” for “annual audits of the transactions of the Commission”.

#### § 2085. Advisory boards

The Commission may establish appropriate boards to provide advice and assistance to the Commission and to further the purposes of the Commission. The boards shall be composed of members (including chairmen) who shall be appointed by the Commission from public and private life and shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission and each co-chairman of the Commission may appoint one member to any such board. The members of boards under this section may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of the boards, at the discretion of the Commission.

(Pub. L. 100-696, title VIII, § 805, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4610.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Section was classified to section 188a-4 of former Title 40, prior to the enactment of Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, by Pub. L. 107-217, § 1, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1062.

#### § 2086. Definition

As used in this part, the term “Member of the House of Representatives” means a Representative in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.

(Pub. L. 100-696, title VIII, § 806, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4610.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

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#### PART B—SENATE COMMISSION ON ART

#### § 2101. Senate Commission on Art

##### (a) Establishment

There is hereby established a Senate Commission on Art (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) consisting of the President pro tempore of the Senate, the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, and the majority and minority leaders of the Senate.

##### (b) Chairman and Vice Chairman; quorum; Executive Secretary

The Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate shall be the chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of the Commission. Three members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except that the Commission may fix a lesser number which shall constitute a quorum for the taking of testimony. The Secretary of the Senate shall be the Executive Secretary of the Commission<sup>1</sup>

##### (c) Appointment of Senate Curator; assignment of assistants

The Secretary of the Senate shall appoint a Senate Curator approved by the Senate Commission on Art. The Senate Curator shall be an employee of the Secretary of the Senate assigned to assist the Commission. The Secretary of the Senate shall assign additional employees to assist the Commission, and provide such other assistance, as the Commission determines necessary.

##### (d) Hearings and meetings

The Commission shall be empowered to hold hearings, summon witnesses, administer oaths, employ reporters, request the production of papers and records, take such testimony, and adopt such rules for the conduct of its hearings and meetings, as it deems necessary.

(Pub. L. 100-696, title IX, § 901(a), (b)(1), (3), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4610, 4611; Pub. L. 108-83, title I, § 3(d)(1), Sept. 30, 2003, 117 Stat. 1012.)

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be followed by a period.