

June 23, 1913, ch. 3, 38 Stat. 44.
 Aug. 24, 1912, ch. 355, 37 Stat. 454.
 Mar. 4, 1911, ch. 285, 36 Stat. 1414.
 June 25, 1910, ch. 384, 36 Stat. 738.

§ 2186. Square 580 landscape maintenance

For fiscal year 2016 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Architect of the Capitol, in consultation with the District of Columbia, is authorized to maintain and improve the landscape features, excluding streets, in Square 580 up to the beginning of I-395.

(Pub. L. 114-113, div. I, title II, § 206, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2672.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation act:

Pub. L. 113-235, div. H, title II, § 206, Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2542.

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SUBCHAPTER I—IN GENERAL

§ 2201. Designation of facility as Capitol Visitor Center; purposes of facility; treatment of the Capitol Visitor Center

(a) Designation

The facility authorized for construction under the heading “Capitol Visitor Center” under chapter 5 of title II of division B of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105-277; 112 Stat. 2681-569) is designated as the Capitol Visitor Center and is a part of the Capitol.

(b) Purposes of the facility

The Capitol Visitor Center shall be used—

(1) to provide enhanced security for persons working in or visiting the United States Capitol;

(2) to improve the visitor experience by providing a structure that will afford improved visitor orientation and enhance the educational experience of those who have come to learn about the Congress and the Capitol; and

(3) for other purposes as determined by Congress or the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

(c) Treatment of the Capitol Visitor Center

(1) Oversight

The Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives shall have oversight of the Capitol Visitor Center.

(2) Treatment of expansion space of the Senate and House of Representatives in the Capitol Visitor Center

(A) Senate

The expansion space of the Senate described as unassigned space under the heading “Capitol Visitor Center” under the heading “ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL” under title II of the Act entitled “An Act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes”, approved November 12, 2001 (Public Law 107-68; 115 Stat. 588) shall be part of the Senate wing of the Capitol.

(B) House of Representatives

The expansion space of the House of Representatives described as unassigned space under the heading “Capitol Visitor Center” under the heading “ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL” under title II of the Act entitled “An Act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes”, approved November 12, 2001 (Public Law 107-68; 115 Stat. 588) shall be part of the House of Representatives wing of the Capitol.

(d) Treatment of Congressional Auditorium and related adjacent areas

(1) In general

The Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on

House Administration of the House of Representatives shall jointly prescribe regulations for the assignment of the space in the Capitol Visitor Center known as the Congressional Auditorium and the related adjacent areas.

(2) Related adjacent areas

The regulations under paragraph (1) shall include a designation of the areas that are related adjacent areas to the Congressional Auditorium.

(e) Omitted

(f) Exhibits for displays

(1) In general

(A) Loan agreements

Subject to subparagraph (B), the Architect of the Capitol may enter into loan agreements to place historical objects for display in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center.

(B) Consultation and approval

The Architect of the Capitol may exercise the authority under subparagraph (A) with respect to each loan agreement—

(i) after consultation with—

(I) the Senate Commission on Art; and

(II) the House of Representatives Fine Arts Board; and

(ii) subject to the approval of—

(I) the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate; and

(II) the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

(C) Effective date

This paragraph shall take effect on December 3, 2008.

(2) Omitted

(3) Exceptions to exhibition prohibition

Section 2134 of this title shall not apply to any historical object placed within an exhibit in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center that—

(A)(i) is directly related to the purpose of the Capitol Visitor Center under subsection (b)(2);

(ii) is the subject of a loan agreement entered into by the Architect of the Capitol before December 2, 2008; and

(iii) has been approved by the Capitol Preservation Commission; or

(B) is the subject of a loan agreement described under paragraph (1)(A).

(4) Substitution of historical object

A loan agreement described under paragraph (3)(A)(ii) may provide for the removal of an historical object from exhibition for preservation purposes and the substitution of that object with another historical object having a comparable educational purpose.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title I, §101, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4984.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Provisions under the heading “Capitol Visitor Center” in chapter 5 of title II of division B of Public Law

105-277, 112 Stat. 2681-569, referred to in subsec. (a), are not classified to the Code.

Provisions under the headings “Capitol Visitor Center” and “ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL” in title II of Public Law 107-68, 115 Stat. 588, referred to in subsec. (c)(2)(A), are not classified to the Code.

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 101 of Pub. L. 110-437. Subsec. (e) of section 101 of Pub. L. 110-437 repealed section 2165 of this title. Subsec. (f)(2) of section 101 of Pub. L. 110-437 amended section 2134 of this title.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 110-437, §1(a), Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4983, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter, amending sections 130e, 1301, 1331, 1341, and 2134 of this title and sections 2107 and 5379 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, repealing sections 1806, 1807, 1825, 2165, and 2166 of this title, enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 1301 and 1831 of this title, and amending provisions set out as a note under section 1831 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008’.”

§ 2202. Designation and naming within the Capitol Visitor Center

(a) In general

Except as provided under subsection (b), no part of the Capitol Visitor Center may be designated or named without the approval of—

(1) not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of all members on the Capitol Preservation Commission who are members of the Democratic party; and

(2) not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of all members on the Capitol Preservation Commission who are members of the Republican party.

(b) Exception

Subsection (a) shall not apply to any room or space under the jurisdiction of the Senate or the House of Representatives.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title I, §102, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4986.)

§ 2203. Use of the Emancipation Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center

The Emancipation Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center may not be used for any event, except upon the passage of a resolution agreed to by both houses of Congress authorizing the use of the Emancipation Hall for that event.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title I, §103, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4986.)

SUBCHAPTER II—OFFICE OF THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

§ 2211. Establishment

There is established within the Office of the Architect of the Capitol the Office of the Capitol Visitor Center (in this chapter referred to as the “Office”), to be headed by the Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services (in this chapter referred to as the “Chief Executive Officer”).

(Pub. L. 110-437, title II, §201, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4986.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 110–437, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4983, known as the Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2201 of this title and Tables.

§ 2212. Appointment and supervision of Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services**(a) Appointment**

The Chief Executive Officer shall be appointed by the Architect of the Capitol.

(b) Supervision and oversight

The Chief Executive Officer shall report directly to the Architect of the Capitol and shall be subject to oversight by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

(c) Removal

Upon removal of the Chief Executive Officer, the Architect of the Capitol shall immediately provide notice of the removal to the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives, and the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate. The notice shall include the reasons for the removal.

(d) Compensation

The Chief Executive Officer shall be paid at an annual rate of pay equal to the annual rate of pay of the Deputy Architect of the Capitol.

(e) Transition for current Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services**(1) Appointment**

The individual who serves as the Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services under section 1806 of this title as of October 20, 2008, shall be the first Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services appointed by the Architect under this section.

(2) Omitted

(Pub. L. 110–437, title II, § 202, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4986.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1806 of this title, referred to in subsec. (e)(1), was repealed by Pub. L. 110–437, title II, § 202(e)(2), Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4987.

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 202 of Pub. L. 110–437. Subsec. (e)(2) of section 202 of Pub. L. 110–437 repealed section 1806 of this title.

§ 2213. General duties of Chief Executive Officer**(a) Administration of facilities, services, and activities****(1) In general**

Except to the extent otherwise provided in this chapter, the Chief Executive Officer shall be responsible for—

(A) the operation, management, and budget preparation and execution of the Capitol Visitor Center, including all long term planning and daily operational services and activities provided within the Capitol Visitor Center; and

(B) in accordance with sections 2241 and 2242 of this title, the management of guided tours of the interior of the United States Capitol.

(2) Independent budget consideration**(A) In general**

The Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, shall submit the proposed budget for the Office for a fiscal year in the proposed budget for that year for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol (as submitted by the Architect of the Capitol to the President). The proposed budget for the Office shall be considered independently from the other components of the proposed budget for the Architect of the Capitol.

(B) Exclusion of costs of general maintenance and repair of Visitor Center

In preparing the proposed budget for the Office under subparagraph (A), the Chief Executive Officer shall exclude costs attributable to the activities and services described under section 2271(b) of this title (relating to continuing jurisdiction of the Architect of the Capitol for the care and superintendence of the Capitol Visitor Center).

(b) Personnel, disbursements, and contracts

In carrying out this chapter, the Architect of the Capitol shall have the authority to, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer—

(1) appoint, hire, and fix the compensation of such personnel as may be necessary for operations of the Office, except that no employee may be paid at an annual rate in excess of the maximum rate payable for level 15 of the General Schedule;

(2) disburse funds as may be necessary and available for the needs of the Office (consistent with the requirements of section 2233 of this title in the case of amounts in the Capitol Visitor Center Revolving Fund); and

(3) designate an employee of the Office to serve as contracting officer for the Office, subject to subsection (c).

(c) Requiring approval of certain contracts

The Architect of the Capitol may not enter into a contract for the operations of the Capitol Visitor Center for which the amount involved exceeds \$250,000 without the prior approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

(d) Semiannual reports

The Chief Executive Officer shall submit a report to the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives not later than 45 days following the close of each semiannual period ending on March 31 or Sep-

tember 30 of each year on the financial and operational status during the period of each function under the jurisdiction of the Chief Executive Officer. Each such report shall include financial statements and a description or explanation of current operations, the implementation of new policies and procedures, and future plans for each function.

(Pub. L. 110–437, title II, § 203, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4987.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsecs. (a)(1) and (b), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 110–437, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4983, known as the Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2201 of this title and Tables.

The General Schedule, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), is set out under section 5332 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 2214. Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer

(a) In general

The Architect of the Capitol shall—

(1) upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, appoint an assistant who shall perform the responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer during the absence or disability of the Chief Executive Officer, or during a vacancy in the position of the Chief Executive Officer; and

(2) notwithstanding section 2213(b)(1) of this title, fix the rate of basic pay for the position of the assistant appointed under subparagraph (A)¹ at a rate not to exceed the highest total rate of pay for the Senior Executive Service under subchapter VIII of chapter 53 of title 5 for the locality involved.

(b) Transition for current Assistant Chief Executive Officer

(1) Appointment

The individual who serves as the assistant under section 1807 of this title as of October 20, 2008, shall be the first Assistant Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services appointed by the Architect under this section.

(2) Omitted

(Pub. L. 110–437, title II, § 204, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4988.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1807 of this title, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), was repealed by Pub. L. 110–437, title II, § 204(b)(2), Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4988.

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 204 of Pub. L. 110–437. Subsec. (b)(2) of section 204 of Pub. L. 110–437 repealed section 1807 of this title.

¹ So in original. Probably should be a reference to paragraph (1).

§ 2215. Gift Shop

(a) Establishment

The Architect of the Capitol, acting through the Chief Executive Officer, shall establish a Capitol Visitor Center Gift Shop within the Capitol Visitor Center for the purpose of providing for the sale of gift items. All moneys received from sales and other services by the Capitol Visitor Center Gift Shop shall be deposited in the Capitol Visitor Center Revolving Fund established under section 2231 of this title and shall be available for purposes of this section.

(b) Exception to prohibition of sale or solicitation on Capitol grounds

Section 5104(c) of title 40 shall not apply to any activity carried out under this section.

(Pub. L. 110–437, title II, § 205, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4988.)

§ 2216. Food service operations

(a) Restaurant, catering, and vending

The Architect of the Capitol, acting through the Chief Executive Officer, shall establish within the Capitol Visitor Center a restaurant and other food service facilities, including catering services and vending machines.

(b) Contract for food service operations

(1) In general

The Architect of the Capitol, acting through the Chief Executive Officer, may enter into a contract for food service operations within the Capitol Visitor Center.

(2) Existing contract unaffected

Nothing in paragraph (1) shall be construed to affect any contract for food service operations within the Capitol Visitor Center in effect on October 20, 2008.

(c) Deposits

All net profits from the food service operations within the Capitol Visitor Center and all commissions received from the contractor for such food service operations shall be deposited in the Capitol Visitor Center Revolving Fund established under section 2231 of this title.

(d) Exception to prohibition of sale or solicitation on Capitol grounds

Section 5104(c) of title 40 shall not apply to any activity carried out under this section.

(Pub. L. 110–437, title II, § 206, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4988.)

SUBCHAPTER III—CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER REVOLVING FUND

§ 2231. Establishment and accounts

There is established in the Treasury of the United States a revolving fund to be known as the Capitol Visitor Center Revolving Fund (in this section referred to as the “Fund”), consisting of the following individual accounts:

- (1) The Gift Shop Account.
- (2) The Miscellaneous Receipts Account.

(Pub. L. 110–437, title III, § 301, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4989.)

§ 2232. Deposits in the Fund**(a) Gift Shop Account**

There shall be deposited in the Gift Shop Account all monies received from sales and other services by the gift shop established under section 2215 of this title, together with any interest accrued on balances in the Account.

(b) Miscellaneous Receipts Account

There shall be deposited in the Miscellaneous Receipts Account each of the following (together with any interest accrued on balances in the Account):

- (1) Any amounts deposited under section 2216(c) of this title.
- (2) Any other receipts received from the operation of the Capitol Visitor Center.
- (3) Any amounts described under section 2273(d) of this title.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title III, §302, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4989.)

§ 2233. Use of monies**(a) Gift Shop Account****(1) In general**

All monies in the Gift Shop Account shall be available without fiscal year limitation for disbursement by the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, in connection with the operation of the gift shop under section 2215 of this title, including supplies, inventories, equipment, and other expenses. In addition, such monies may be used by the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, to reimburse any applicable appropriations account for amounts used from such appropriations account to pay the salaries of employees of the gift shops.

(2) Use of remaining funds

To the extent monies in the Gift Shop Account are available after disbursements and reimbursements are made under paragraph (1), the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, may disburse such monies for the operation of the Capitol Visitor Center, after consultation with—

- (A) the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives; and
- (B) the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate.

(b) Miscellaneous Receipts Account

All monies in the Miscellaneous Receipts Account shall be available without fiscal year limitation for disbursement by the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, for the operations of the Capitol Visitor Center, after consultation with—

- (1) the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives; and
- (2) the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title III, §303, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4989.)

§ 2234. Administration of Fund**(a) Disbursements**

Disbursements from the Fund may be made by the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer.

(b) Investment authority

The Secretary of the Treasury shall invest any portion of the Fund that, as determined by the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, is not required to meet current expenses. Each investment shall be made in an interest-bearing obligation of the United States or an obligation guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the United States that, as determined by the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, has a maturity date suitable for the purposes of the Fund. The Secretary of the Treasury shall credit interest earned on the obligations to the Fund.

(c) Audit

The Fund shall be subject to audit by the Comptroller General at the discretion of the Comptroller General.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title III, §304, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4990.)

SUBCHAPTER IV—CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE AND OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESS- SIBILITY SERVICES

PART A—CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE

§ 2241. Transfer of Capitol Guide Service**(a) Transfer of authorities and personnel to Office of the Capitol Visitor Center**

In accordance with the provisions of this subchapter, effective on the transfer date—

- (1) the Capitol Guide Service shall be an office within the Office;
- (2) the contracts, liabilities, records, property, appropriations, and other assets and interests of the Capitol Guide Service, established under section 2166 of this title, and the employees of the Capitol Guide Service, are transferred to the Office, except that the transfer of any amounts appropriated to the Capitol Guide Service that remain available as of the transfer date shall occur only upon the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate; and
- (3) the Capitol Guide Service shall be subject to the direction of the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, in accordance with this part.

(b) the Capitol Guide Service shall be subject to the direction of the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, in accordance with this part.

(b) Treatment of employees of Capitol Guide Service at time of transfer**(1) In general**

Any individual who is an employee of the Capitol Guide Service on a non-temporary basis on the transfer date who is transferred to the Office under subsection (a) shall be subject to the authority of the Architect of the Capitol under section 2242(b) of this title, except that the individual's grade, compensation, rate of leave, or other benefits that apply with

respect to the individual at the time of transfer shall not be reduced while such individual remains continuously so employed in the same position within the Office, other than for cause.

(2) Eligibility for immediate retirement on basis of involuntary separation

For purposes of section 8336(d) and section 8414(b) of title 5, an individual described in paragraph (1) who is separated from service with the Office shall be considered to have separated from the service involuntarily if, at the time the individual is separated from service—

(A) the individual has completed 25 years of service under such title; or

(B) the individual has completed 20 years of service under such title and is 50 years of age or older.

(c) Exception for Congressional Special Services Office

This section does not apply with respect to any employees, contracts, liabilities, records, property, appropriations, and other assets and interests of the Congressional Special Services Office of the Capitol Guide Service that are transferred to the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services under part B.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title IV, § 401, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4990.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this title”, meaning title IV of Pub. L. 110-437, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4990, which is classified principally to this subchapter. For complete classification of title IV to the Code, see Tables.

Section 2166 of this title, referred to in subsec. (a)(2), was repealed by Pub. L. 110-437, title IV, § 422(a), Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4996.

§ 2242. Duties of employees of Capitol Guide Service

(a) Provision of guided tours

(1) Tours

In accordance with this section, the Capitol Guide Service shall provide without charge guided tours of the interior of the United States Capitol, including the Capitol Visitor Center, for the education and enlightenment of the general public.

(2) Acceptance of fees prohibited

An employee of the Capitol Guide Service shall not charge or accept any fee, or accept any gratuity, for or on account of the official services of that employee.

(3) Regulations of the Architect of the Capitol

All such tours shall be conducted in compliance with regulations approved by the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer.

(b) Authority of the Architect of the Capitol

In providing for the direction, supervision, and control of the Capitol Guide Service, the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, is authorized to—

(1) subject to the availability of appropriations, establish and revise such number of positions of Guide in the Capitol Guide Service as the Architect of the Capitol considers necessary to carry out effectively the activities of the Capitol Guide Service;

(2) appoint, on a permanent basis without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of fitness to perform their duties, a Chief Guide and such deputies as the Architect of the Capitol considers appropriate for the effective administration of the Capitol Guide Service and, in addition, such number of Guides as may be authorized;

(3) with the approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives, with respect to the individuals appointed under paragraph (2)—

(A) prescribe the individual’s duties and responsibilities; and

(B) fix, and adjust from time to time, respective rates of pay at single per annum (gross) rates;

(4) with respect to the individuals appointed under paragraph (2), take appropriate disciplinary action, including, when circumstances warrant, suspension from duty without pay, reduction in pay, demotion, or termination of employment with the Capitol Guide Service, against any employee who violates any provision of this section or any regulation prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol under paragraph (8);

(5) prescribe a uniform dress, including appropriate insignia, which shall be worn by personnel of the Capitol Guide Service;

(6) from time to time and as may be necessary, procure and furnish such uniforms to such personnel without charge to such personnel;

(7) receive and consider advice and information from any private historical or educational organization, association, or society with respect to those operations of the Capitol Guide Service which involve the furnishing of historical and educational information to the general public; and

(8) with the approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives, prescribe such regulations as the Architect of the Capitol considers necessary and appropriate for the operation of the Capitol Guide Service, including regulations with respect to tour routes and hours of operation, number of visitors per guide, staff-led tours, and non-law enforcement security and special event related support.

(c) Provision of accessible tours in coordination with Office of Congressional Accessibility Services

The Chief Executive Officer shall coordinate the provision of accessible tours for individuals with disabilities with the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services established under part B.

(d) Detail of personnel

The Architect of the Capitol shall detail personnel of the Capitol Guide Service based on a

request from the Capitol Police Board to assist the United States Capitol Police by providing ushering and informational services, and other services not directly involving law enforcement, in connection with—

(1) the inauguration of the President and Vice President of the United States;

(2) the official reception of representatives of foreign nations and other persons by the Senate or House of Representatives; or

(3) other special or ceremonial occasions in the United States Capitol or on the United States Capitol Grounds that—

(A) require the presence of additional Government personnel; and

(B) cause the temporary suspension of the performance of regular duties.

(e) Effective date

This section shall take effect on the transfer date.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title IV, § 402, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4991.)

PART B—OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL
ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

§ 2251. Office of Congressional Accessibility Services

(a) Omitted

(b) Specific functions

The Director of Accessibility Services shall submit to the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives a list of the specific functions that the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services will perform in carrying out this part with the approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives. The Director of Accessibility Services shall submit the list not later than 30 days after the transfer date.

(c) Transition for current Director

The individual who serves as the head of the Congressional Special Services Office as of October 20, 2008, shall be the first Director of Accessibility Services appointed by the Congressional Accessibility Services Board under section 2172 of this title.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title IV, § 411, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4993.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 411 of Pub. L. 110-437. Subsec. (a) of section 411 of Pub. L. 110-437 amended section 2172 of this title.

§ 2252. Transfer from Capitol Guide Service

(a) Transfer of authorities and personnel of Congressional Special Services Office of Capitol Guide Service

In accordance with the provisions of this subchapter, effective on the transfer date—

(1) the contracts, liabilities, records, property, appropriations, and other assets and in-

terests of the Congressional Special Services Office of the Capitol Guide Service, and the employees of such Office, are transferred to the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services established under section 2172(a) of this title (as amended by section 2251 of this title), except that the transfer of any amounts appropriated to the Congressional Special Services Office that remain available as of the transfer date shall occur only upon the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate; and

(2) the employees of such Office shall be subject to the direction, supervision, and control of the Director of Accessibility Services.

(b) Treatment of employees at time of transfer

(1) In general

Any individual who is an employee of the Congressional Special Services Office of the Capitol Guide Service on a non-temporary basis on the transfer date who is transferred under subsection (a) shall be subject to the authority of the Director of Accessibility Services under section 2172(b) of this title (as amended by section 2251 of this title), except that the individual's grade, compensation, rate of leave, or other benefits that apply with respect to the individual at the time of transfer shall not be reduced while such individual remains continuously so employed in the same position within the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services established under section 2172(a) of this title (as amended by section 2251 of this title), other than for cause.

(2) Eligibility for immediate retirement on basis of involuntary separation

For purposes of section 8336(d) and section 8414(b) of title 5, an individual described in paragraph (1) who is separated from service with the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services shall be considered to have separated from the service involuntarily if, at the time the individual is separated from service—

(A) the individual has completed 25 years of service under such title; or

(B) the individual has completed 20 years of service under such title and is 50 years of age or older.

(3) Prohibiting imposition of probationary period

The Director of Accessibility Services may not impose a period of probation with respect to the transfer of any individual who is transferred to the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services under subsection (a).

(Pub. L. 110-437, title IV, § 412, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4995.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this title”, meaning title IV of Pub. L. 110-437, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4990, which is classified principally to this subchapter. For complete classification of title IV to the Code, see Tables.

PART C—TRANSFER DATE

§ 2261. Transfer date

In this subchapter, the term “transfer date” means the date occurring on the first day of the first pay period (applicable to employees transferred under section 2241 of this title) occurring on or after 30 days after October 20, 2008.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title IV, § 421, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4996.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this title”, meaning title IV of Pub. L. 110-437, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4990, which is classified principally to this subchapter. For complete classification of title IV to the Code, see Tables.

SUBCHAPTER V—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

§ 2271. Jurisdictions unaffected**(a) Security jurisdiction unaffected**

Nothing in this chapter granting any authority to the Architect of the Capitol or Chief Executive Officer shall be construed to affect the exclusive jurisdiction of the Capitol Police, the Capitol Police Board, the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, and the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives to provide security for the Capitol, including the Capitol Visitor Center.

(b) Architect of the Capitol jurisdiction unaffected**(1) In general**

Nothing in this chapter granting any authority to the Chief Executive Officer shall be construed to affect the exclusive jurisdiction of the Architect of the Capitol for the care and superintendence of the Capitol Visitor Center. All maintenance services, groundskeeping services, improvements, alterations, additions, and repairs for the Capitol Visitor Center shall be made under the direction and supervision of the Architect, subject to the approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the House Office Building Commission as to matters of general policy.

(2) Omitted

(Pub. L. 110-437, title V, § 501, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4997.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 110-437, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4983, known as the Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2201 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 501 of Pub. L. 110-437. Subsec. (b)(2) of section 501 of Pub. L. 110-437 repealed section 1825 of this title.

§ 2272. Acceptance of volunteer services

Notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31, the Architect of the Capitol, upon the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, may accept and use voluntary and uncompensated services for the Capitol Visitor Center as the Architect of the Capitol determines necessary. No person shall be permitted to donate personal services under this section unless such person has first agreed, in writing, to waive any and all claims against the United States arising out of or connection with such services, other than a claim under the provisions of chapter 81 of title 5. No person donating personal services under this section shall be considered an employee of the United States for any purpose other than for purposes of chapter 81 of such title. In no case shall the acceptance of personal services under this subsection¹ result in the reduction of pay or displacement of any employee of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title V, § 503, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4997.)

§ 2273. Coins treated as gifts**(a) Definition**

In this section, the term “covered grounds” means—

- (1) the grounds described under section 5102 of title 40;
- (2) the Capitol Buildings defined under section 5101 of title 40, including the Capitol Visitor Center; and
- (3) the Library of Congress buildings and grounds described under section 167j of this title.

(b) Treatment of coins

In the case of any coins in any fountains on covered grounds—

- (1) such coins shall be treated as gifts to the United States; and
- (2) the Architect of the Capitol shall—
 - (A) collect such coins at such times and in such manner as the Architect determines appropriate; and
 - (B) except as provided under subsection (c), deposit the collected coins in accordance with subsection (d).

(c) Cost reimbursement

Any amount collected under this section shall first be used to reimburse the Architect of the Capitol for any costs incurred in the collection and processing of the coins, and maintaining fountains under the jurisdiction of the Architect of the Capitol. The amount of any such reimbursement is appropriated to the account from which such costs were paid and may be used for any authorized purpose of that account.

(d) Deposit of coins

The Architect of the Capitol shall deposit coins collected under this section in the Miscellaneous Receipts Account of the Capitol Visitor Center Revolving Fund established under section 2231 of this title.

(e) Authorized use and availability

Amounts deposited in the Miscellaneous Receipts Account of the Capitol Visitor Center Re-

¹ So in original. Probably should be “section”.

volving Fund under this section shall be available as provided under section 2233(b) of this title.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title V, § 504, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4998; Pub. L. 117-103, div. I, title I, § 131, Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 516.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 117-103 inserted “, and maintaining fountains under the jurisdiction of the Architect of the Capitol” before period at end of first sentence.

SUBCHAPTER VI—AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

§ 2281. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this chapter. (Pub. L. 110-437, title VI, § 601, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4999.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 110-437, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4983, known as the Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2201 of this title and Tables.

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SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL

§ 4101. Authority of officers of Congress over Congressional employees

(a) Qualifications determinations; removal and discipline

Each officer of the Congress having responsibility for the supervision of employees, including employees appointed upon recommendation of Members of Congress, shall have authority—

- (1) to determine, before the appointment of any individual as an employee under the supervision of that officer of the Congress, whether that individual possesses the qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performance of the duties and responsibilities to be assigned to him; and

- (2) to remove or otherwise discipline any employee under his supervision.

(b) “Officer of the Congress” defined

As used in this section, the term “officer of the Congress” means—

- (1) an elected officer of the Senate or House of Representatives who is not a Member of the Senate or House; and
- (2) The Architect of the Capitol.

(Pub. L. 91-510, title IV, § 431, Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1190.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 60-1 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective immediately prior to noon on Jan. 3, 1971, see section 601(1) of Pub. L. 91-510, set out as an Effective Date of 1970 Amendment note under section 4301 of this title.

§ 4102. Purchase of supplies for Senate and House

Supplies for use of the Senate and the House of Representatives may be purchased in accordance with the schedule of contract articles and prices of the Administrator of General Services.

(June 5, 1920, ch. 253, § 1, 41 Stat. 1036; Ex. Ord. No. 6166, June 10, 1933, § 1; June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title I, § 102, 63 Stat. 380.)

Editorial Notes

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