

**§ 1816b. Architect of the Capitol, authority for personal services contracts with legal entities**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Architect of the Capitol is authorized to contract for personal services with any firm, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity in the same manner as he is authorized to contract for personal services with individuals under the provisions of section 6101 of title 41.

(Pub. L. 96–558, Dec. 19, 1980, 94 Stat. 3263.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

In text, “section 6101 of title 41” substituted for “section 3709 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (41 U.S.C. 5)” on authority of Pub. L. 111–350, §6(c), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3854, which Act enacted Title 41, Public Contracts.

Section was classified to section 6a–2 of former Title 41, prior to the enactment of Title 41, Public Contracts, by Pub. L. 111–350, §3, Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3677.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS UNDER SERVICE CONTRACTS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY**

Pub. L. 116–136, div. B, title IX, §19005, Mar. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 578, as amended by Pub. L. 116–159, div. A, §159(3), Oct. 1, 2020, 134 Stat. 722, provided that:

“(a) **AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS.**—Notwithstanding section 3324(a) of title 31, United States Code, or any other provision of law and subject to subsection (b), if the employees of a contractor with a service contract with the Architect of the Capitol are furloughed or otherwise unable to work during closures, stop work orders, or reductions in service arising from or related to the impacts of coronavirus, the Architect of the Capitol may continue to make the payments provided for under the contract for the weekly salaries and benefits of such employees until the termination of the public health emergency declared pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) resulting from the COVID–19 pandemic.

“(b) **AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—The authority of the Architect of the Capitol to make payments under the authority of subsection (a) is subject to the availability of appropriations to make such payments.

“(c) **REGULATIONS.**—The Architect of the Capitol shall promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this section.”

[For definition of “coronavirus” as used in section 19005 of Pub. L. 116–136, set out above, see section 23005 of Pub. L. 116–136, set out as a note under section 162b of this title.]

**§ 1817. Transfer of discontinued apparatus to other branches**

The Architect of the Capitol may transfer apparatus, appliances, equipments, and supplies of any kind, discontinued or permanently out of service, to other branches of the service of the United States, or District of Columbia, whenever, in his judgment the interests of the Government service may require it.

(June 26, 1912, ch. 182, §11, 37 Stat. 184; Mar. 3, 1921, ch. 124, 41 Stat. 1291; May 29, 1928, ch. 901, §1(120), 45 Stat. 995; Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 654, §3(17), 65 Stat. 708.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section was classified to section 171 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.

Section is based on section 11 of act June 26, 1912, popularly known as the “District of Columbia Appropriation Act June 26, 1912, fiscal year 1913”.

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

Act Mar. 2, 1911, ch. 192, §9, 36 Stat. 1011.

**AMENDMENTS**

1951—Act Oct. 31, 1951, struck out “with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior,” after “whenever,”.

1928—Act May 29, 1928, struck out provision that required a transfer statement to be submitted in the annual report to Congress by the Superintendent of the Capitol Building and Grounds.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**CHANGE OF NAME**

Change of name of Architect of the Capitol, functions abolished, transferred, etc., by prior acts, see Prior Provisions and Change of Name notes set out under former section 1801 of this title.

**§ 1817a. Disposition of surplus or obsolete personal property**

**(a) In general**

The Architect of the Capitol shall have the authority, within the limits of available appropriations, to dispose of surplus or obsolete personal property by inter-agency transfer, donation, sale, trade-in, or discarding. Amounts received for the sale or trade-in of personal property shall be credited to funds available for the operations of the Architect of the Capitol and be available for the costs of acquiring the same or similar property. Such funds shall be available for such purposes during the fiscal year received and the following fiscal year.

**(b) Effective date**

This section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2010, and each fiscal year thereafter.

(Pub. L. 111–68, div. A, title I, §1301, Oct. 1, 2009, 123 Stat. 2034.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2010, which is div. A of Pub. L. 111–68.

**§ 1818. Rental or lease of storage space**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Architect of the Capitol, with the approval of the House Office Building Commission and Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, is authorized to secure, through rental, lease, or other appropriate agreement, storage space in areas within the District of Columbia and its environs beyond the boundaries of the United States Capitol Grounds for use of the United States Senate, the United States House of Representatives, and the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, under such terms and conditions as such Commission and committee may authorize,