

returned to the Capitol for display unless such display is specifically authorized by Federal law.

**(e) Relocation of statues**

The Architect of the Capitol, upon the approval of the Joint Committee on the Library and with the advice of the Commission of Fine Arts as requested, is authorized and directed to relocate within the United States Capitol any of the statues received from the States under section 2131 of this title prior to December 21, 2000, and to provide for the reception, location, and relocation of the statues received on and after December 21, 2000, from the States under such section.

(Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(2) [title III, §311], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-119.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

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**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**LOCATION OF STATUES**

House Concurrent Resolution 47, passed Feb. 24, 1933, 47 Stat. Part 2, 1784, provided: “That the Architect of the Capitol, upon the approval of the Joint Committee on the Library, with the advice of the Commission of Fine Arts, is hereby authorized and directed to relocate within the Capitol any of the statues already received and placed in Statuary Hall, and to provide for the reception and location of the statues received hereafter from the States.”

**§ 2133. Acceptance and supervision of works of fine arts**

The Joint Committee on the Library, whenever, in their judgment, it is expedient, are authorized to accept any work of the fine arts, on behalf of Congress, which may be offered, and to assign the same such place in the Capitol as they may deem suitable, and shall have the supervision of all works of art that may be placed in the Capitol.

(R.S. §1831.)

**Editorial Notes**

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R.S. §1831 derived from act June 10, 1872, ch. 415, §1, 17 Stat. 362.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**WORKS OF ART ACCEPTED OR REMOVED**

The following provisions relate to works of art accepted or removed by the Joint Committee on the Library:

Pub. L. 117-326, Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4452.—Replacement of bust of Roger Brooke Taney with bust of Thurgood Marshall.

Pub. L. 117-111, Apr. 13, 2022, 136 Stat. 1166.—Statues of Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Pub. L. 112-174, Sept. 20, 2012, 126 Stat. 1311.—Statue of Frederick Douglass.

Pub. L. 109-427, Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 2912.—Bust of Sojourner Truth.

**§ 2134. Art exhibits**

No work of art or manufacture other than the property of the United States shall be exhibited in the National Statuary Hall, the Rotunda, Emancipation Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center, or the corridors of the Capitol.

(R.S. § 1815; Mar. 3, 1875, ch. 130, 18 Stat. 376; Mar. 3, 1879, ch. 182, 20 Stat. 391; Pub. L. 110-437, title I, §101(f)(2), Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4985.)

**Editorial Notes**

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Section is based on act Mar. 3, 1879, popularly known as the “Sundry Civil Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1879”.

R.S. §1815 derived from act July 20, 1868, ch. 176, §6, 15 Stat. 110.

**AMENDMENTS**

2008—Pub. L. 110-437 inserted “Emancipation Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center,” after “Rotunda.”.

**§ 2135. Private studios and works of art**

No room in the Capitol shall be used for private studios or works of art, without permission from the Joint Committee on the Library, given in writing; and it shall be the duty of the Architect of the Capitol to carry this provision into effect.

(Mar. 3, 1875, ch. 130, 18 Stat. 376.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

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**SUBCHAPTER VI—BOTANIC GARDEN AND NATIONAL GARDEN**

**§ 2141. Supervision of Botanic Garden**

The supervision of the Capitol police shall extend over the Botanical Garden.

(R.S. §1826.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

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R.S. §1826 derived from Res. July 15, 1870, No. 131, 16 Stat. 391.

**§ 2142. Superintendent of Botanic Garden and greenhouses**

There shall be a superintendent and assistants in the Botanical Garden and greenhouses, who shall be under the direction of the Joint Committee on the Library.