

the “Members’ Representational Allowance”, which shall be available to support the conduct of the official and representational duties of a Member or Member-elect of the House of Representatives with respect to the district from which the Member or Member-elect is elected.

**(b) Merger**

The Clerk Hire Allowance, the Official Expenses Allowance, and the Official Mail Allowance, as in effect on the day before September 1, 1995, are merged into the Members’ Representational Allowance.

**(c) “Member of the House of Representatives” defined**

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

**(d) Regulations**

The Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives shall have authority to prescribe regulations to carry out this section, including regulations establishing under subsection (a) the official and representational duties during a Congress of a Member-elect of the House of Representatives who is not an incumbent Member re-elected to the ensuing Congress.

**(e) Effective date**

This section shall take effect on September 1, 1995 and shall apply with respect to official and representational duties carried out on or after that date.

(Pub. L. 104-186, title I, §101, Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1719; Pub. L. 116-260, div. I, title I, §117(a), (b), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 1641.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section was formerly classified to section 57b of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

**AMENDMENTS**

2020—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-260, §117(a), substituted “a Member or Member-elect” for “a Member” and “the Member or Member-elect” for “the Member”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 116-260, §117(b), substituted “, including regulations establishing under subsection (a) the official and representational duties during a Congress of a Member-elect of the House of Representatives who is not an incumbent Member re-elected to the ensuing Congress.” for period at end.

**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.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2020 AMENDMENT**

Pub. L. 116-260, div. I, title I, §117(c), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 1641, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall apply with respect to Members-elect of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress and each succeeding Congress.”

**§ 5342. Reimbursement of transportation expenses for employees in office of House Member**

The applicable accounts of the House of Representatives is<sup>1</sup> made available after August 28, 1965, for reimbursement of transportation expenses incurred by not to exceed two employees in the office of a Member of the House of Representatives (including the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico) for one round trip each, or incurred by not to exceed one employee for two round trips, in any calendar year between Washington, District of Columbia, and the place of residence of the Member representing the congressional district involved. Such payment shall be made only upon vouchers approved by the Member containing a certification by him that such travel was performed in line of official duty, but the mileage allowed for any such trip shall not exceed the round trip mileage by the nearest usual route between Washington, District of Columbia, and the Member’s place of residence in the congressional district involved. The Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives shall make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(Pub. L. 89-147, §3, Aug. 28, 1965, 79 Stat. 583; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §204(71), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1740.)

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**AMENDMENTS**

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 substituted “applicable accounts” for “contingent fund” and “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.

**§ 5343. Staff expenses for House Members attending organizational caucus or conference**

**(a) In general**

Each Member-elect (other than an incumbent Member reelected to the ensuing Congress) who attends a caucus or conference called under section 29a(a) of this title, and each incumbent Member reelected to the ensuing Congress who attends any such caucus or conference convening after the adjournment sine die of the Congress in the year involved, shall be entitled to designate one staff person to be paid for one round trip between that person’s place of residence, provided such place of residence is in the district which the Member-elect or incumbent Member represents, and Washington, District of Columbia, for the purpose of accompanying that

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “are”.