

vided in section 1552(a)(2) of this title when the head of the agency concerned decides that the purposes for which the appropriation was made have been carried out or when no disbursement is made against the appropriation for 2 consecutive fiscal years.

“(b) An amount of an appropriation withdrawn under this section may be restored to the applicable appropriation account to pay obligations and to settle accounts.”

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-510 applicable to any appropriation account the obligated balance of which, on Nov. 5, 1990, has not been transferred under section 1552(a)(1) of this title, as in effect Nov. 4, 1990, with transitional provisions, see section 1405(b) of Pub. L. 101-510, set out as a note under section 1551 of this title.

#### § 1556. Comptroller General: reports on appropriation accounts

(a) In carrying out audit responsibilities, the Comptroller General shall report on operations under this subchapter to—

- (1) the head of the agency concerned;
- (2) the Secretary of the Treasury; and
- (3) the President.

(b) A report under this section shall include an appraisal of unpaid obligations under fixed appropriation accounts for which the period of availability for obligation has ended.

(Pub. L. 97-258, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 937; Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XIV, § 1405(a)(1), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1678.)

##### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
1556(a) .....	31:703(b)(1st sentence words before 4th comma).	July 25, 1956, ch. 727, § 3(b), 70 Stat. 649; Reorg. Plan No. 2 of 1970, eff. July 1, 1970, § 102(a), 84 Stat. 2085.
1556(b) .....	31:703(b)(1st sentence words after 4th comma, last sentence).	

In the section, the word “President” is substituted for “Director of the Office of Management and Budget” because sections 101 and 102(a) of Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1970 (eff. July 1, 1970, 84 Stat. 2085) designated the Bureau of the Budget as the Office of Management and Budget and transferred all functions of the Bureau to the President.

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

1990—Pub. L. 101-510 substituted “General: reports” for “General reports” in section catchline and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows:

“(a) In carrying out audit responsibilities, the Comptroller General shall report on operations under this subchapter to—

- “(1) the head of the agency concerned;
- “(2) the Secretary of the Treasury; and
- “(3) the President.

“(b) A report under this section shall include an appraisal of unpaid obligations under appropriation accounts established under section 1552 of this title. By the 30th day after receiving a report, the head of the agency concerned shall carry out actions required by section 1554 of this title that the report shows is necessary.”

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-510 applicable to any appropriation account the obligated balance of which, on Nov. 5, 1990, has not been transferred under section 1552(a)(1) of this title, as in effect Nov. 4, 1990, with transitional provisions, see section 1405(b) of Pub. L. 101-510, set out as a note under section 1551 of this title.

#### § 1557. Authority for exemptions in appropriation laws

A provision of an appropriation law may exempt an appropriation from the provisions of this subchapter and fix the period for which the appropriation remains available for expenditure.

(Pub. L. 97-258, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 937; Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XIV, § 1405(a)(1), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1679.)

##### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
1557 .....	31:708.	July 25, 1956, ch. 727, § 9, 70 Stat. 650.

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

1990—Pub. L. 101-510 substituted “Authority for exemptions in appropriation laws” for “Authorization to exempt” in section catchline and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “A provision of an appropriation law may exempt an appropriation from this subchapter and fix the period for which the appropriation remains available for expenditure.”

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-510 applicable to any appropriation account the obligated balance of which, on Nov. 5, 1990, has not been transferred under section 1552(a)(1) of this title, as in effect Nov. 4, 1990, with transitional provisions, see section 1405(b) of Pub. L. 101-510, set out as a note under section 1551 of this title.

#### § 1558. Availability of funds following resolution of a formal protest or other challenge

(a) Notwithstanding section 1552 of this title or any other provision of law, funds available to an agency for obligation for a contract at the time a protest or other action referred to in subsection (b) is filed in connection with a solicitation for, proposed award of, or award of such contract shall remain available for obligation for 100 days after the date on which the final ruling is made on the protest or other action. A ruling is considered final on the date on which the time allowed for filing an appeal or request for reconsideration has expired, or the date on which a decision is rendered on such an appeal or request, whichever is later.

(b) Subsection (a) applies with respect to—

(1) any protest filed under subchapter V of chapter 35 of this title; or

(2) an action commenced under administrative procedures or for a judicial remedy if—

(A) the action involves a challenge to—

- (i) a solicitation for a contract;
- (ii) a proposed award of a contract;

- (iii) an award of a contract; or
- (iv) the eligibility of an offeror or potential offeror for a contract or of the contractor awarded the contract; and

(B) commencement of the action delays or prevents an executive agency from making an award of a contract or proceeding with a procurement.

(Added Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title VIII, §813(a), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1494; amended Pub. L. 104-106, div. E, title LV, §5502(a), (b), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 698, 699.)

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AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-106, §5502(b), substituted “of a formal protest or other challenge” for “of a protest” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-106, §5502(a)(1), inserted “or other action referred to in subsection (b)” after “time a protest”, substituted “100 days” for “90 working days”, and inserted “or other action” after “on the protest”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-106, §5502(a)(2), added subsec. (b) and struck out former subsec. (b) which read as follows: “Subsection (a) applies with respect to any protest filed under subchapter V of chapter 35 of this title or under section 111(f) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 759(f)).”

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-106 effective 180 days after Feb. 10, 1996, see section 5701 of Pub. L. 104-106, div. E, title LVII, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 702.

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1986—Pub. L. 99-509, title VI, §6103(b), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1948, added item for chapter 38.

1983—Pub. L. 97-452, §1(18)(B), Jan. 12, 1983, 96 Stat. 2477, added item for chapter 39.

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AMENDMENTS

2011—Pub. L. 112-25, title III, §301(b), Aug. 2, 2011, 125 Stat. 255, added item 3101A.

1993—Pub. L. 103-202, title II, §201(b), Dec. 17, 1993, 107 Stat. 2356, added item 3130.

SUBCHAPTER I—BORROWING AUTHORITY

**§ 3101. Public debt limit**

(a) In this section, the current redemption value of an obligation issued on a discount basis and redeemable before maturity at the option of its holder is deemed to be the face amount of the obligation.

(b) The face amount of obligations issued under this chapter and the face amount of obligations whose principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States Government (except guaranteed obligations held by the Secretary of the Treasury) may not be more than \$14,294,000,000,000, outstanding at one time, subject to changes periodically made in that amount as provided by law through the congressional budget process described in Rule XLIX<sup>1</sup> of the Rules of the House of Representatives or as provided by section 3101A or otherwise.

(c) For purposes of this section, the face amount, for any month, of any obligation issued on a discount basis that is not redeemable before maturity at the option of the holder of the obligation is an amount equal to the sum of—

(1) the original issue price of the obligation, plus

(2) the portion of the discount on the obligation attributable to periods before the beginning of such month (as determined under the principles of section 1272(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 without regard to any exceptions contained in paragraph (2) of such section).

(Pub. L. 97-258, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 938; Pub. L. 98-34, §1(a), May 26, 1983, 97 Stat. 196; Pub. L. 98-161, Nov. 21, 1983, 97 Stat. 1012; Pub. L. 98-342, §1(a), July 6, 1984, 98 Stat. 313; Pub. L. 98-475,

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.