

In subsection (d)(2), the words “A benefit” are substituted for “None of the moneys mentioned” to eliminate unnecessary words. The words “either in law or equity” and “execution, levy, attachment, garnishment, or other” are omitted as surplus.

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (c)(2)(B). Pub. L. 108-271 substituted “Government Accountability Office” for “General Accounting Office”.

1988—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 100-426, §206(1), inserted “before age 55” after “remarries”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 100-426, §206(2), inserted “(unless the child is then a student as described in section 771(1)(C) of this title)” after “age”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-426 effective after end of 60-day period beginning Sept. 9, 1988, with certain exceptions, see section 208 of Pub. L. 100-426, set out as a note under section 772 of this title.

**§ 777. Annuity increases**

(a) An annuity payable under this subchapter shall be increased at the same time that, and by the same percent as the percentage by which, annuities are increased under section 8340(b) of title 5.

(b) An annuity under section 772 of this title may not be more than the basic pay of the Comptroller General. A surviving spouse’s annuity may be increased under this section without regard to any limitation set forth in section 774(e) of this title.

(Pub. L. 97-258, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 906; Pub. L. 100-426, title II, §207, Sept. 9, 1988, 102 Stat. 1601.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
777(a) .....	31:43c(a)(words before colon), (1).	June 10, 1921, ch. 18, 42 Stat. 20, §320; added Oct. 25, 1978, Pub. L. 95-512, §3, 92 Stat. 1789.
777(b) .....	31:43c(a)(2).	
777(c) .....	31:43c(a)(3), (b).	

In subsection (a), before clause (1), the text of 31:43c(a)(words before colon) is omitted as surplus.

In subsection (b), the words “in any year” and “commencing” are omitted as surplus.

In subsection (c)(1), the words “per centum” and “by the Comptroller General” are omitted as surplus. The words “Civil Service Commission” (subsequently changed to “Office of Personnel Management” because of section 101 of Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1978 (eff. Jan. 1, 1979, 92 Stat. 3783)) are omitted because of the restatement of section 8340(b) of title 5 by section 1702(a) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981.

In subsection (c)(2), the words “by reason of the application of subsection (a) of this section” and “annual” are omitted as surplus. The words “basic pay” are substituted for “compensation” for consistency with other titles of the United States Code.

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1988—Pub. L. 100-426 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows:

“(a) The Comptroller General shall compute—

“(1) on January 1 of each year, or within a reasonable time after January 1, the percent change in the Consumer Price Index between June and December of the prior year; and

“(2) on July 1 of each year, or within a reasonable time after July 1, the percent change in the Index between June of the same year and December of the prior year.

“(b) If a percent change computed under subsection (a)(1) of this section indicates a rise in the Index, an annuity payable under this subchapter and beginning before March 2 shall increase on March 1 by the percent change computed under subsection (a)(1), adjusted to the nearest .1 percent. If a percent change computed under subsection (a)(2) of this section indicates a rise in the Index, an annuity payable under this subchapter and beginning before September 2 shall increase on September 1 by the percent change computed under subsection (a)(2), adjusted to the nearest .1 percent.

“(c)(1) An increase under this section may not be more than an increase prescribed under section 8340(b) of title 5.

“(2) An annuity under section 772 of this title may not be more than the basic pay of the Comptroller General.”

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-426 effective after end of 60-day period beginning Sept. 9, 1988, with certain exceptions, see section 208 of Pub. L. 100-426, set out as a note under section 772 of this title.

**§ 778. Dependency and disability decisions**

The General Counsel of the Government Accountability Office shall decide a question of dependency, disability, or dependency and disability under sections 773-776 of this title. A decision under this section is final.

(Pub. L. 97-258, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 907; Pub. L. 108-271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
778 .....	31:43b(h).	June 10, 1921, ch. 18, 42 Stat. 20, §319(h); added July 13, 1959, Pub. L. 86-87, 73 Stat. 198.

The words “arising” and “and conclusive” are omitted as surplus.

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108-271 substituted “Government Accountability Office” for “General Accounting Office”.

**§ 779. Use of appropriations**

Annuities and refunds under this subchapter shall be paid by the Comptroller General from appropriations of the Government Accountability Office.

(Pub. L. 97-258, Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 907; Pub. L. 108-271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
779 .....	31:43(2d par. 3d sentence).	June 10, 1921, ch. 18, 42 Stat. 20, §303(2d par. 3d sentence); added July 28, 1953, ch. 256, 67 Stat. 229.