

§ 6112. Supreme Court Building and grounds employees

Employees required to carry out section 6111(a) of this title shall be—

- (1) appointed by the Architect of the Capitol with the approval of the Chief Justice of the United States;
(2) compensated in accordance with chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5; and
(3) subject to subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Table with 3 columns: Revised Section, Source (U.S. Code), Source (Statutes at Large). Row 6112: 40:13b, May 7, 1934, ch. 222, § 2, 48 Stat. 668; Pub. L. 95-431, title IV, ("Sec. 1(b) proviso") in proviso in par. under heading "Care of the Building and Grounds"), Oct. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 1036.

In this section, before clause (1), the words "to carry out" are substituted for "for the performance of the provisions of" to eliminate unnecessary words. In clause (2), the words "chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5" are substituted for "the Classification Act of 1949, as amended" because of section 7(b) of the Act of September 6, 1966 (Public Law 89-554, 80 Stat. 631), the first section of which enacted Title 5, United States Code. In clause (3), the words "subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5" are substituted for "the Act entitled 'An Act for the retirement of employees in the classified civil service, and for other purposes' approved May 22, 1920, as amended (U.S.C., title 5, ch. 14)" because of section 7(b) of the Act of September 6, 1966 (Public Law 89-554, 80 Stat. 631), the first section of which enacted Title 5, United States Code.

§ 6113. Duties of the Superintendent of the Supreme Court Building

Except as provided in section 6111(a) of this title, all duties and work required for the operation, domestic care, and custody of the Supreme Court Building shall be performed under the direction of the Marshal of the Supreme Court. The Marshal serves as the superintendent of the Building.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Table with 3 columns: Revised Section, Source (U.S. Code), Source (Statutes at Large). Row 6113: 40:13c, May 7, 1934, ch. 222, § 3, 48 Stat. 668; June 25, 1948, ch. 646, § 27, 62 Stat. 990.

The words "Except as provided in section 6111(a) of this title" are substituted for "other" for clarity.

§ 6114. Oliver Wendell Holmes Garden

The Architect of the Capitol shall maintain and care for the Oliver Wendell Holmes Garden in accordance with the provisions of law on the maintenance and care of the grounds of the Supreme Court Building.

(Pub. L. 107-217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1181.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Table with 3 columns: Revised Section, Source (U.S. Code), Source (Statutes at Large). Row 6114: 40:13e, Oct. 22, 1940, ch. 908, § 6, 54 Stat. 1208.

The words "After the completion and dedication of" are omitted as executed.

SUBCHAPTER III—POLICING AUTHORITY

§ 6121. General

(a) AUTHORITY OF MARSHAL OF THE SUPREME COURT AND SUPREME COURT POLICE.—In accordance with regulations prescribed by the Marshal of the Supreme Court and approved by the Chief Justice of the United States, the Marshal and the Supreme Court Police shall have authority—

(1) to police the Supreme Court Building and grounds and adjacent streets to protect individuals and property;

(2) in any location, to protect—

(A) the Chief Justice, any Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and any official guest of the Supreme Court;

(B) any officer or employee of the Supreme Court while that officer or employee is performing official duties; and

(C) any member of the immediate family of the Chief Justice, any Associate Justice, or any officer of the Supreme Court if the Marshal determines such protection is necessary.<sup>1</sup>

(3) while performing duties necessary to carry out paragraph (1) or (2), to make arrests for any violation of Federal or State law and any regulation under Federal or State law; and

(4) to carry firearms as may be required while performing duties under section 6102 of this title, this subchapter, and subchapter IV.

(b) AUTHORIZATION TO CARRY FIREARMS—<sup>2</sup>Duties under subsection (a)(2)(A) with respect to an official guest of the Supreme Court in any location (other than the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia) shall be authorized in writing by the Chief Justice or an Associate Justice, if those duties require the carrying of firearms under subsection (a)(4).

(Pub. L. 107-217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1182; Pub. L. 108-356, § 1, Oct. 21, 2004, 118 Stat. 1416; Pub. L. 110-402, § 1(a), Oct. 13, 2008, 122 Stat. 4254; Pub. L. 113-62, § 1, Dec. 20, 2013, 127 Stat. 666; Pub. L. 116-75, § 2, Nov. 27, 2019, 133 Stat. 1160; Pub. L. 117-148, § 2, June 16, 2022, 136 Stat. 1288.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Table with 3 columns: Revised Section, Source (U.S. Code), Source (Statutes at Large). Row 6121(a): 40:13n(a), Aug. 18, 1949, ch. 479, § 9(a), 63 Stat. 617; Pub. L. 93-198, title VII, § 739(g)(8), Dec. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 829; Pub. L. 97-390, § 1(c)(1), Dec. 29, 1982, 96 Stat. 1957.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. The period probably should be a semicolon.

<sup>2</sup> So in original. The dash probably should be preceded by a period.

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES—CONTINUED

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
6121(b) .....	40:13n(c).	Aug. 18, 1949, ch. 479, §9(c), as added Pub. L. 97-390, §1(c)(2), Dec. 29, 1982, 96 Stat. 1958; Pub. L. 99-218, Dec. 26, 1985, 99 Stat. 1729; Pub. L. 99-492, §1, Oct. 16, 1986, 100 Stat. 1240; Pub. L. 101-462, Oct. 25, 1990, 104 Stat. 1079; Pub. L. 103-193, Dec. 14, 1993, 107 Stat. 2293; Pub. L. 104-280, §1, Oct. 9, 1996, 110 Stat. 3359; Pub. L. 106-518, title III, §313, Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2421.

In this section, the words “any State” are substituted for “any part of the United States” to eliminate unnecessary words and for consistency with section 6101 of the revised title.

In subsection (a)(3), the words “federal or state law and any regulation under federal or state law” are substituted for “a law of the United States or any State and any regulation under such law” for consistency in the revised title.

In subsection (b), the words “The Marshal of the Supreme Court shall report annually to the Congress on March 1 regarding the administrative cost of carrying out his duties under such subsection” are omitted pursuant to section 3003 of the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995 (31 U.S.C. 1113 note). See, also, page 13 of House Document No. 103-7.

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsec. (a)(2)(C). Pub. L. 117-148 added subpar. (C).

2019—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 116-75, §2(1)(A), substituted “any location” for “any State” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 116-75, §2(1)(B), substituted “Federal or State law” for “federal or state law” in two places.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-75, §2(2), substituted “Authorization To Carry Firearms—” for “Additional Requirements Related to Subsection (a)(2).—” in heading, struck out par. (1) designation and heading before “Duties under”, substituted “any location” for “any State”, and struck out par. (2) which provided that the authority provided under subsec. (a)(2) would expire on Dec. 29, 2019.

2013—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 113-62 substituted “2019” for “2013”.

2008—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 110-402 substituted “2013” for “2008”.

2004—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 108-356 substituted “2008” for “2004”.

**§ 6122. Designation of members of the Supreme Court Police**

Under the general supervision and direction of the Chief Justice of the United States, the Marshal of the Supreme Court may designate employees of the Supreme Court as members of the Supreme Court Police, without additional compensation.

(Pub. L. 107-217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1182.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
6122 .....	40:13f.	Aug. 18, 1949, ch. 479, §1, 63 Stat. 616; Pub. L. 97-390, §1(a), Dec. 29, 1982, 96 Stat. 1957.

**§ 6123. Authority of Metropolitan Police of the District of Columbia**

The Metropolitan Police of the District of Columbia may make arrests within the Supreme Court Building and grounds for a violation of federal or state law or any regulation under federal or state law. This section does not authorize the Metropolitan Police to enter the Supreme Court Building to make an arrest in response to a complaint, serve a warrant, or patrol the Supreme Court Building or grounds, unless the Metropolitan Police have been requested to do so by, or have received the consent of, the Marshal of the Supreme Court or an assistant to the Marshal.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
6123 .....	40:13n(b).	Aug. 18, 1949, ch. 479, §9(b), 63 Stat. 617; Pub. L. 97-390, §1(c)(1), Dec. 29, 1982, 96 Stat. 1957.

The words “violation of federal or state law or any regulation under federal or state law” are substituted for “violations of any such laws or regulations”, and the words “unless the Metropolitan Police have been requested to do so by, or have received the consent of, the Marshal of the Supreme Court of the United States or an assistant to the Marshal” are substituted for “except with the consent or on the request of the Marshal of the Supreme Court or his assistants”, for clarity.

**SUBCHAPTER IV—PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES**

**§ 6131. Public travel in Supreme Court grounds**

Public travel in, and occupancy of, the Supreme Court grounds is restricted to the sidewalks and other paved surfaces.

(Pub. L. 107-217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1182.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
6131 .....	40:13g.	Aug. 18, 1949, ch. 479, §2, 63 Stat. 616.

**§ 6132. Sale of articles, signs, and solicitation in Supreme Court Building and grounds**

It is unlawful—

(1) to offer or expose one article for sale in the Supreme Court Building or grounds;

(2) to display a sign, placard, or other form of advertisement in the Building or grounds; or

(3) to solicit fares, alms, subscriptions, or contributions in the Building or grounds.

(Pub. L. 107-217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1183.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
6132 .....	40:13h.	Aug. 18, 1949, ch. 479, §3, 63 Stat. 616.