

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

An Administrative Assistant Secretary of the Interior, to be appointed, with the approval of the President, by the Secretary of the Interior under the classified civil service, to perform such duties as the Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe, and to receive compensation at the rate of \$14,800 per annum, was provided for by section 4 of Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1950, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3174, 64 Stat. 1262, set out as a note under section 1451 of this title, prior to repeal of section 4 by Pub. L. 92-22, § 3, June 1, 1971, 85 Stat. 76.

## ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY

An additional Assistant Secretary of the Interior, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to perform such duties as the Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe, and to receive compensation at the rate prescribed by law for Assistant Secretaries of executive departments, was provided for by Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1950, § 3, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3174, 64 Stat. 1262, set out in note under section 1451 of this title.

## TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY

The office of a temporary additional Assistant Secretary of the Interior, which was provided for by act Feb. 29, 1944, ch. 72, 58 Stat. 107, ceased to exist by the terms of such act at the expiration of six months following the cessation of hostilities in World War II, which was proclaimed by the President at 12 o'clock noon of December 31, 1946, in Proc. No. 2714, 12 F.R. 1, set out as a note preceding section 1 of Title 50, War and National Defense.

**§ 1453a. Additional Assistant Secretary of the Interior; appointment; duties; compensation**

There shall be hereafter in the Department of the Interior, in addition to the Assistant Secretaries now provided by law, an additional Assistant Secretary of the Interior who shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall be responsible for such duties as the Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe, and shall receive compensation at the rate now or hereafter prescribed by law for Assistant Secretaries of the Interior.

(Pub. L. 92-22, § 1, June 1, 1971, 85 Stat. 75.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## SENATE CONFIRMATION OF PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR AS REPEALING PROVISIONS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR FOR ADMINISTRATION

Pub. L. 92-22, § 3, June 1, 1971, 85 Stat. 76, provided that: "Section 4 of Reorganization Plan Numbered 3 of 1950, as amended (64 Stat. 1262) [set out under section 1451 of this title], and item (25) of section 5316, title 5, United States Code, are repealed, effective upon the confirmation by the United States Senate of a Presidential appointee to fill the position created by this Act [enacting this section and section 5315(18) of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees]."

**§ 1454. Duties of Assistant Secretary and assistant to Secretary**

The Assistant Secretary of the Interior shall perform such duties in the Department of the Interior as shall be prescribed by the Secretary, or may be required by law. The assistant to the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to sign such official papers and documents as the Secretary may direct.

(R.S. § 439; Mar. 28, 1918, ch. 29, 40 Stat. 499.)

**Editorial Notes**

## CODIFICATION

R.S. § 439 derived from act Mar. 14, 1862, ch. 41, § 6, 12 Stat. 369.

Section was formerly classified to section 483 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, § 1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

**Executive Documents**

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of other officers, employees, and agencies of Department of the Interior, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of the Interior, with power to delegate, see Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1950, §§ 1, 2, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3174, 64 Stat. 1262, set out under section 1451 of this title.

**§ 1455. Solicitor; appointment; duties**

On and after June 26, 1946 the legal work of the Department of the Interior shall be performed under the supervision and direction of the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, who shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(June 26, 1946, ch. 494, 60 Stat. 312.)

**Editorial Notes**

## CODIFICATION

Provisions of this section which prescribed the compensation of the Solicitor were omitted to conform to the provisions of the Federal Executive Salary Schedule. See section 5311 et seq. of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

Section was formerly classified to section 483a of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, § 1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

**§ 1456. Chief clerk**

The chief clerk of the Department of the Interior on and after July 3, 1926, shall be the chief executive officer of the department and may be designated by the Secretary to sign official papers and documents, including the authorization of expenditures from the contingent and other appropriations for the department, its bureaus and offices, section 3683<sup>1</sup> of the Revised Statutes to the contrary notwithstanding.

(July 3, 1926, ch. 771, § 1, 44 Stat. 854.)

**Editorial Notes**

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 3683 of the Revised Statutes, referred to in text, was classified to section 675 of former Title 31, Money and Finance, and repealed by act Sept. 12, 1950, ch. 946, title III, § 301(76), 64 Stat. 843.

## CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 484 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, § 1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriations acts:

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

May 24, 1922, ch. 199, 42 Stat. 552.  
 Jan. 24, 1923, ch. 42, 42 Stat. 1174.  
 June 5, 1924, ch. 264, 43 Stat. 391.  
 Mar. 3, 1925, ch. 462, 43 Stat. 1142.

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##### DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Interior Department Order No. 2546, dated Dec. 7, 1949 and amended Jan. 20, 1950, set up the Office of Administrative Management with an executive officer in charge, and the Chief Clerk of the Department was placed in charge of a Division of Administrative Services under that office. A further amendment to Department Order No. 2546, dated Aug. 15, 1950, placed the Division of Administrative Services, with the Chief Clerk in charge, under the Administrative Assistant Secretary of the Interior Department.

#### § 1456a. Repealed. Pub. L. 95-164, title III, § 306(b), Nov. 9, 1977, 91 Stat. 1322

Section, Pub. L. 93-153, title IV, § 405, Nov. 16, 1973, 87 Stat. 590, provided for appointment by the President of head of Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective 120 days after Nov. 9, 1977, see section 307 of Pub. L. 95-164, set out as an Effective Date of 1977 Amendment note under section 801 of Title 30, Mineral Lands and Mining.

#### § 1457. Duties of Secretary

The Secretary of the Interior is charged with the supervision of public business relating to the following subjects and agencies:

1. Alaska Railroad.
2. Alaska Road Commission.
3. Bounty-lands.
4. Bureau of Land Management.
5. United States Bureau of Mines.
6. Bureau of Reclamation.
7. Division of Territories and Island Possessions.
8. Fish and Wildlife Service.
9. United States Geological Survey.
10. Indians.
11. National Park Service.
12. Petroleum conservation.
13. Public lands, including mines.

(R.S. § 441; Mar. 3, 1879, ch. 182, 20 Stat. 394; Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, 28 Stat. 601; June 17, 1902, ch. 1093, § 1, 32 Stat. 388; Feb. 14, 1903, ch. 552, § 4, 32 Stat. 826; Mar. 4, 1911, ch. 285, § 1, 36 Stat. 1422; July 1, 1916, ch. 209, § 1, 39 Stat. 309; Aug. 25, 1916, ch. 408, 39 Stat. 535; Ex. Ord. No. 3861, eff. June 8, 1923; Ex. Ord. No. 4175, eff. Mar. 17, 1925; Ex. Ord. No. 5398, eff. July 21, 1930; June 30, 1932, ch. 320, § 1, 47 Stat. 446; Ex. Ord. No. 6611, eff. Feb. 22, 1934; Ex. Ord. No. 6726, eff. May 29, 1934; June 28, 1934, ch. 865, § 1, 48 Stat. 1269; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. I, § 201, eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2728, 53 Stat. 1424; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, § 4(e), (f), eff. July 1, 1939,

4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433; 1940 Reorg. Plan No. III, § 3, eff. June 30, 1940, 5 F.R. 2108, 54 Stat. 1232; 1940 Reorg. Plan No. IV, § 11, eff. June 30, 1940, 5 F.R. 2422, 54 Stat. 1236; 1946 Reorg. Plan No. 3, § 403(a), eff. July 16, 1946, 11 F.R. 7876, 60 Stat. 1100; Pub. L. 85-56, title XXII, § 2201(1), June 17, 1957, 71 Stat. 157; Pub. L. 102-154, title I, Nov. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1000; Pub. L. 102-285, § 10(b), May 18, 1992, 106 Stat. 172.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

R.S. § 441 derived from acts Mar. 3, 1849, ch. 108, §§ 3, 5 to 9, 9 Stat. 395; Feb. 5, 1859, ch. 22, § 1, 11 Stat. 379; July 20, 1868, ch. 176, § 1, 15 Stat. 92, 106; July 8, 1870, ch. 230, § 1, 16 Stat. 198.

Section was formerly classified to section 485 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, § 1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

##### AMENDMENTS

1957—Pub. L. 85-56 substituted “Bounty-lands” for “Pensions and bounty-lands” in par. 3.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### CHANGE OF NAME

“United States Bureau of Mines” substituted for “Bureau of Mines” in par. (5) pursuant to section 10(b) of Pub. L. 102-285, set out as a note under section 1 of Title 30, Mineral Lands and Mining.

“United States Geological Survey” substituted for “Geological Survey” in par. 9 pursuant to provision of title I of Pub. L. 102-154, set out as a note under section 31 of this title.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1957 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 85-56 effective Jan. 1, 1958, see section 2301 of Pub. L. 85-56.

##### PILOT PROGRAM

Pub. L. 118-210, title II, § 223(c), Jan. 2, 2025, 138 Stat. 2781, provided that:

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of the Interior shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, establish a pilot program to proactively inform veterans of available employment positions that relate to the conservation and resource management activities of the Department of the Interior.

“(2) POSITIONS.—The Secretary of the Interior shall—  
 “(A) identify vacant positions in the Department of the Interior that are appropriate to fill using the pilot program; and

““(B) to the maximum extent practicable, provide assistance to veterans in selecting one or more vacant positions to apply to, for which that veteran may be best qualified.

“(3) REPORTS.—

““(A) IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date on which the pilot program under paragraph (1) commences, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the Secretary of Labor shall jointly provide to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the implementation of the pilot program.

““(B) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the pilot program under paragraph (1) terminates under paragraph (4), the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the Secretary of Labor shall jointly submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the pilot program that includes the following:

““(i) The number of veterans who applied to participate in the pilot program.