

SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

**§ 5501. Disposition of money accruing from lapsed salaries or unused appropriations for salaries**

Money accruing from lapsed salaries or from unused appropriations for salaries shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States. An individual who violates this section shall be removed from the service.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 475.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| <i>Derivation</i> | <i>U.S. Code</i>  | <i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>  |
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| .....             | 5 U.S.C. 50 (1st sentence; and 2d sentence, so much as relates to removal). | Aug. 5, 1882, ch. 389, § 4 (297th through 316th words), 22 Stat. 255. Aug. 23, 1912, ch. 350, § 5 (so much as relates to removal), 37 Stat. 414. |

In the last sentence, the word "removed" is substituted for "summarily removed" because of the provisions of the Lloyd-LaFollette Act 37 Stat. 555, as amended, and the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944, 58 Stat. 387, as amended, which are carried into this title.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

**§ 5502. Unauthorized office; prohibition on use of funds**

(a) Payment for services may not be made from the Treasury of the United States to an individual acting or assuming to act as an officer in the civil service or uniformed services in an office which is not authorized by existing law, unless the office is later sanctioned by law.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by statute, public money and appropriations may not be used for pay or allowance for an individual employed by an official of the United States retired from active service.

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| (a) .....         | 5 U.S.C. 52.     | R.S. §1760.  |
| (b) .....         | 5 U.S.C. 85.     | July 1, 1898, ch. 546, § 1 (3d proviso on p. 644), 30 Stat. 644. |

In subsection (a), the words "in the civil service or uniformed services" are substituted for "civil, military, or naval".

In subsection (b), the words "Except as otherwise provided by statute" are added in recognition of the Act of Aug. 25, 1958, Pub. L. 85-745, 72 Stat. 838, which authorizes an office staff for former Presidents. The reference to "public money and appropriations" is added for clarity.

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**§ 5503. Recess appointments**

(a) Payment for services may not be made from the Treasury of the United States to an individual appointed during a recess of the Senate to fill a vacancy in an existing office, if the vacancy existed while the Senate was in session

and was by law required to be filled by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, until the appointee has been confirmed by the Senate. This subsection does not apply—

(1) if the vacancy arose within 30 days before the end of the session of the Senate;

(2) if, at the end of the session, a nomination for the office, other than the nomination of an individual appointed during the preceding recess of the Senate, was pending before the Senate for its advice and consent; or

(3) if a nomination for the office was rejected by the Senate within 30 days before the end of the session and an individual other than the one whose nomination was rejected thereafter receives a recess appointment.

(b) A nomination to fill a vacancy referred to by paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (a) of this section shall be submitted to the Senate not later than 40 days after the beginning of the next session of the Senate.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 475.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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| .....             | 5 U.S.C. 56.     | R.S. §1761. July 11, 1940, ch. 580, 54 Stat. 751. |

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

**§ 5504. Biweekly pay periods; computation of pay**

(a) The pay period for an employee covers two administrative workweeks.

(b) When, in the case of an employee, it is necessary for computation of pay under this subsection to convert an annual rate of basic pay to a basic hourly, daily, weekly, or biweekly rate, the following rules govern:

(1) To derive an hourly rate, divide the annual rate by 2,087.

(2) To derive a daily rate, multiply the hourly rate by the number of daily hours of service required.

(3) To derive a weekly or biweekly rate, multiply the hourly rate by 40 or 80, as the case may be.

Rates are computed to the nearest cent, counting one-half and over as a whole cent.

(c) For the purposes of this section:

(1) The term "employee" means—

(A) an employee in or under an Executive agency;

(B) an employee in or under the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, the Botanic Garden, and the Library of Congress, for whom a basic administrative workweek is established under section 6101(a)(5) of this title; and

(C) an individual employed by the government of the District of Columbia.

(2) The term "employee" does not include—

(A) an employee on the Isthmus of Panama in the service of the Panama Canal Commission; or

(B) an employee or individual excluded from the definition of employee in section