

**§ 2107. Congressional employee**

For the purpose of this title, “Congressional employee” means—

- (1) an employee of either House of Congress, of a committee of either House, or of a joint committee of the two Houses;
- (2) an elected officer of either House who is not a Member of Congress;
- (3) the Legislative Counsel of either House and an employee of his office;
- (4) a member or employee of the Capitol Police;
- (5) an employee of a Member of Congress if the pay of the employee is paid by the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives;
- [(6) Repealed. Pub. L. 90–83, § 1(5)(A), Sept. 11, 1967, 81 Stat. 196.]
- (7) the Architect of the Capitol and an employee of the Architect of the Capitol;
- (8) an employee of the Botanic Garden; and
- (9) an employee of the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services.

(Pub. L. 89–554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 409; Pub. L. 90–83, § 1(5), Sept. 11, 1967, 81 Stat. 196; Pub. L. 91–510, title IV, § 442(a), Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1191; Pub. L. 104–186, title II, § 215(1), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1745; Pub. L. 110–437, title IV, § 422(c), Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4997; Pub. L. 111–145, § 7(a), Mar. 4, 2010, 124 Stat. 55.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

## 1966 ACT

The section is supplied to avoid the necessity of defining “Congressional employee” each time the term is used in this title.

## 1967 ACT

Section of title 5	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
2107(6) .....	2:126–1.	July 27, 1965, Pub. L. 89–90, § 101 (proviso on p. 265), 79 Stat. 265.
2107(8) .....	5 App.: 2251(c).	Sept. 26, 1966, Pub. L. 89–604, § 1(a), 80 Stat. 846.

Paragraph (6), relating to Official Reporters of Debates of the Senate and their employees, is eliminated as unnecessary on authority of the act of July 27, 1965 (2 U.S.C. 126–1). Pursuant to that act, the Official Reporters and their employees became employees of the Senate; accordingly, they are now included within the definition of “Congressional employee” under paragraph (1).

In paragraph (8), based on the act of September 26, 1966 (5 App. U.S.C. 2251(c)), the word “officers” is omitted as included in “employees,” and the words “United States” preceding the words “Botanic Garden” are omitted as unnecessary.

## AMENDMENTS

2010—Par. (4). Pub. L. 111–145, inserted “or employee” after “member”.

2008—Par. (9). Pub. L. 110–437 amended par. (9) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (9) read as follows: “an employee of the Capitol Guide Service.”

1996—Par. (5). Pub. L. 104–186 substituted “Chief Administrative Officer” for “Clerk”.

1970—Par. (9). Pub. L. 91–510 added par. (9).

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 111–145, § 7(d), Mar. 4, 2010, 124 Stat. 56, provided that: “The amendments made by this section

[amending this section and sections 5515, 5531, 5533, and 5537 of this title] shall take effect as though enacted as part of section 1018 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2003 (2 U.S.C. 1907).”

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 110–437 effective first day of first pay period (applicable to employees transferred under section 2241 of Title 2, The Congress) on or after 30 days after Oct. 20, 2008, see section 422(d) of Pub. L. 110–437, set out as a note under section 1301 of Title 2.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1970 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 91–510 effective immediately prior to noon on June 3, 1971, see section 601(1) of Pub. L. 91–510, set out as a note under section 72a of Title 2, The Congress.

**§ 2108. Veteran; disabled veteran; preference eligible**

For the purpose of this title—

(1) “veteran” means an individual who—

(A) served on active duty in the armed forces during a war, in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized, or during the period beginning April 28, 1952, and ending July 1, 1955;

(B) served on active duty as defined by section 101(21) of title 38 at any time in the armed forces for a period of more than 180 consecutive days any part of which occurred after January 31, 1955, and before October 15, 1976, not including service under section 12103(d) of title 10 pursuant to an enlistment in the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard or as a Reserve for service in the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, or Coast Guard Reserve;

(C) served on active duty as defined by section 101(21) of title 38 in the armed forces during the period beginning on August 2, 1990, and ending on January 2, 1992; or

(D) served on active duty as defined by section 101(21) of title 38 at any time in the armed forces for a period of more than 180 consecutive days any part of which occurred during the period beginning on September 11, 2001, and ending on the date prescribed by Presidential proclamation or by law as the last date of Operation Iraqi Freedom;

and who has been discharged or released from active duty in the armed forces under honorable conditions;

(2) “disabled veteran” means an individual who has served on active duty in the armed forces, has been separated therefrom under honorable conditions, and has established the present existence of a service-connected disability or is receiving compensation, disability retirement benefits, or pension because of a public statute administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs or a military department;

(3) “preference eligible” means, except as provided in paragraph (4) of this section—

(A) a veteran as defined by paragraph

(1)(A) of this section;

(B) a veteran as defined by paragraph

(1)(B), (C), or (D) of this section;

(C) a disabled veteran;

(D) the unmarried widow or widower of a veteran as defined by paragraph (1)(A) of this section;