

1999—Pub. L. 106-57, title II, §210(c), Sept. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 425, inserted “; small purchase threshold” after “authority” in item 311.

1985—Pub. L. 99-151, title III, §305(b)(2), Nov. 13, 1985, 99 Stat. 808, inserted “; contract negotiation authority” in item 311.

1975—Pub. L. 94-82, title II, §204(c)(2), Aug. 9, 1975, 89 Stat. 421, substituted “pay” for “compensation” in item 303.

1974—Pub. L. 93-459, §1(b), Oct. 20, 1974, 88 Stat. 1385, substituted “Disbursing officer; deputy disbursing officer; certifying officers and employees.” for “Disbursing officer; continuation and settlement of accounts during vacancy in office; responsibility for accounts; disbursements for Superintendent of Documents.” in item 308.

1972—Pub. L. 92-310, title II, §210(a)(3), June 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 204, struck out “; bond” in item 301.

1970—Pub. L. 91-359, §1(b), July 31, 1970, 84 Stat. 668, added item 317.

#### FEDERAL RECORDS MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS WITHOUT EFFECT ON CHAPTER

Authority and responsibilities under chapter not limited or repealed by Federal Records Management Amendments of 1976, see section 5(b) of Pub. L. 94-575, set out as a note under section 2901 of this title.

### § 301. Public Printer: appointment

The President of the United States shall nominate and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint a suitable person, who must be a practical printer and versed in the art of bookbinding, to take charge of and manage the Government Printing Office. His title shall be Public Printer.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1239; Pub. L. 92-310, title II, §210(a)(1), (2), June 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 204.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §31 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, §17, 28 Stat. 603; June 12, 1917, ch. 27, §1, 40 Stat. 173; Feb. 20, 1923, ch. 98, 42 Stat. 1278; Mar. 4, 1925, ch. 549, §1, 43 Stat. 1299; May 29, 1928, ch. 909, 45 Stat. 1006).

Changes are made in phraseology.

#### AMENDMENTS

1972—Pub. L. 92-310 struck out “; bond” in section catchline, and provisions from text which required the Public Printer to give a bond in the sum of \$25,000.

### § 302. Deputy Public Printer: appointment; duties

The Public Printer shall appoint a suitable person, who must be a practical printer and versed in the art of bookbinding, to be the Deputy Public Printer. He shall perform the duties formerly required of the chief clerk, supervise the buildings occupied by the Government Printing Office, and perform any other duties required of him by the Public Printer.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1239.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §39 (May 27, 1908, ch. 200, §1, 35 Stat. 382).

Phraseology is changed to conform with section 301 of this revision.

### § 303. Public Printer and Deputy Public Printer: pay

The annual rate of pay for the Public Printer shall be a rate which is equal to the rate for level II of the Executive Schedule under sub-

chapter II of chapter 53 of title 5. The annual rate of pay for the Deputy Public Printer shall be a rate which is equal to the rate for level III of such Executive Schedule.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1239; Pub. L. 94-82, title II, §204(c)(1), Aug. 9, 1975, 89 Stat. 421; Pub. L. 101-520, title II, §209, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 2274; Pub. L. 108-83, title I, §1301(a), Sept. 30, 2003, 117 Stat. 1033.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §39a (Pub. L. 88-426, title II, §203(c), (d), Aug. 14, 1964, 78 Stat. 415, as amended Pub. L. 90-206, title II, §219(2), (3), Dec. 16, 1967, 81 Stat. 639.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Levels II and III of the Executive Schedule, referred to in text, are set out in sections 5313 and 5314, respectively, of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

#### AMENDMENTS

2003—Pub. L. 108-83 reenacted section catchline without change and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The annual rate of pay for the Public Printer shall be a rate which is equal to the rate for level III of the Executive Schedule of subchapter II of chapter 53 of Title 5. The annual rate of pay for the Deputy Public Printer shall be a rate which is equal to the rate for level IV of such Executive Schedule.”

1990—Pub. L. 101-520 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: “The annual rate of pay for the Public Printer shall be a rate which is equal to the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule of subchapter II of chapter 53 of title 5. The annual rate of pay for the Deputy Public Printer shall be a rate which is equal to the rate for level V of such Executive Schedule.”

1975—Pub. L. 94-82 substituted “pay” for “compensation” in section catchline, and substituted provisions setting the rate of pay for the Public Printer at a rate equal to the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule and the rate of pay for Deputy Public Printer at a rate equal to the rate for level V of such Schedule for provisions setting the compensation of the Public Printer and the Deputy Public Printer at the rate of \$28,750 and \$27,500 per annum, respectively.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-83, title I, §1301(b), Sept. 30, 2003, 117 Stat. 1033, provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after the date of enactment of this Act [Sept. 30, 2003].”

#### SALARY INCREASES

1987—Salaries of Public Printer and Deputy Public Printer increased respectively to \$77,500 and \$72,500 per annum, on recommendation of the President of the United States, see note set out under section 358 of Title 2, The Congress.

1977—Salaries of the Public Printer and Deputy Public Printer increased respectively to \$50,000 and \$47,500 per annum, on recommendation of the President of the United States, see note set out under section 358 of Title 2.

1969—Salaries of the Public Printer and Deputy Public Printer increased respectively from \$28,750 and \$27,500 to \$38,000 and \$36,000 per annum, commencing on the first day of the pay period which begins after Feb. 14, 1969, on recommendation of the President of the United States, see note set out under section 358 of Title 2.

**§ 304. Public Printer: vacancy in office**

In case of the death, resignation, absence, or sickness of the Public Printer, the Deputy Public Printer shall perform the duties of the Public Printer until a successor is appointed or his absence or sickness ceases; but the President may direct any other officer of the Government, whose appointment is vested in the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to perform the duties of the vacant office until a successor is appointed, or the sickness or absence of the Public Printer ceases. A vacancy occasioned by death or resignation may not be filled temporarily under this section for longer than ten days, and a temporary appointment, designation, or assignment of another officer may not be made except to fill a vacancy happening during a recess of the Senate.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1239.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §32 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, §36, 28 Stat. 606; May 27, 1908, ch. 200, §1, 35 Stat. 382.)

**§ 305. Public Printer: employees; pay**

(a) The Public Printer may employ journeymen, apprentices, laborers, and other persons necessary for the work of the Government Printing Office at rates of wages and salaries, including compensation for night and overtime work, he considers for the interest of the Government and just to the persons employed, except as otherwise provided by this section. He may not employ more persons than the necessities of the public work require nor more than four hundred apprentices at one time. The minimum pay of journeymen printers, pressmen, and bookbinders employed in the Government Printing Office shall be at the rate of 90 cents an hour for the time actually employed. Except as provided by the preceding part of this section the rate of wages, including compensation for night and overtime work, for more than ten employees of the same occupation shall be determined by a conference between the Public Printer and a committee selected by the trades affected, and the rates and compensation so agreed upon shall become effective upon approval by the Joint Committee on Printing. When the Public Printer and the committee representing the trade fail to agree as to wages, salaries, and compensation, either party may appeal to the Joint Committee on Printing, and the decision of the Joint Committee is final. The wages, salaries, and compensation so determined are not subject to change oftener than once a year.

(b) The Public Printer may grant an employee paid on an annual basis compensatory time off from duty instead of overtime pay for overtime work.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1240; Pub. L. 91-167, Dec. 26, 1969, 83 Stat. 453; Pub. L. 91-369, July 31, 1970, 84 Stat. 693.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §40 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, §§39, 49, 50, 28 Stat. 607, 608; June 6, 1900, ch. 791, §1, 31 Stat. 643; Mar. 4, 1909, ch. 299, §1, 35 Stat. 1021, 1024; Aug. 24, 1912, ch. 355, §1, 37 Stat. 482; July 8, 1918, ch.

139, §1, 40 Stat. 836; Aug. 2, 1919, ch. 30, 41 Stat. 272; Feb. 20, 1923, ch. 98, 42 Stat. 1278; June 7, 1924, ch. 354, §1, 43 Stat. 658).

Last sentence of this section was deleted as executed.

## AMENDMENTS

1970—Pub. L. 91-369 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

1969—Pub. L. 91-167 substituted “four hundred” for “two hundred” as the number of apprentices which the Public Printer may employ at one time.

## REPEALS

General repealer of provisions inconsistent with Pub. L. 92-392 as not repealing or affecting this section, see section 13 of Pub. L. 92-392, set out as a note under section 5341 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

## VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVES

Pub. L. 105-275, title III, §309, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2454, as amended by Pub. L. 107-68, title II, §210(a), Nov. 12, 2001, 115 Stat. 590; Pub. L. 112-10, div. B, title IX, §1926(a), Apr. 15, 2011, 125 Stat. 172, provided that:

“(a) SEVERANCE PAY.—[Amended section 5595 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.]

“(b) EARLY RETIREMENT.—(1) This subsection applies to an employee of the Government Printing Office who—

“(A) voluntarily separates from service on or after the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 21, 1998] and before October 1, 2004; and

“(B) on such date of separation—

“(i) has completed 25 years of service as defined under section 8331(12) or 8401(26) of title 5, United States Code; or

“(ii) has completed 20 years of such service and is at least 50 years of age.

“(2) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 83 or 84 of title 5, United States Code, an employee described under paragraph (1) is entitled to an annuity which shall be computed consistent with the provisions of law applicable to annuities under section 8336(d) or 8414(b) of title 5, United States Code.

“(c) VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.—(1) In this subsection, the term ‘employee’ means an employee of the Government Printing Office, serving without limitation, who has been currently employed for a continuous period of at least 12 months, except that such term shall not include—

“(A) a reemployed annuitant under subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, or another retirement system for employees of the Government;

“(B) an employee having a disability on the basis of which such employee is or would be eligible for disability retirement under any of the retirement systems referred to in subparagraph (A); or

“(C) an employee who is employed on a temporary when actually employed basis.

“(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in order to avoid or minimize the need for involuntary separations due to a reduction in force, reorganization, transfer of function, or other similar action affecting the agency, the Public Printer shall establish a program under which voluntary separation incentive payments may be offered to encourage eligible employees to separate from service voluntarily (whether by retirement or resignation) during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 21, 1998] through September 30, 2004.

“(3) Such voluntary separation incentive payments shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of section 5597(d) of title 5, United States Code. Any such payment shall not be a basis of payment, and shall not be included in the computation, of any other type of Government benefit.

“(4)(A) Not later than January 15, 1999, the Public Printer shall submit a plan described under subpara-