a bureau or office connected with it, may not be published in a newspaper except under written authority from the head of the department; and a bill for advertising or publication may not be paid unless there is presented with the bill a copy of the written authority.


HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

§3703. Rate of payment for advertisements, notices, and proposals

Advertisements, notices, proposals for contracts, and all forms of advertising required by law for the several departments of the Government may be paid for at a price not to exceed the commercial rates charged to private individuals, with the usual discounts. But the heads of the several departments may secure lower terms at special rates when the public interest requires it. The rates shall include the furnishing of lawful evidence, under oath, of publication, to be made and furnished by the printer or publisher making publication.


HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

The second sentence of former section 325 was added. The balance was superseded by former section 322 (R.S. §853).

CHAPTER 39—GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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§3901. Purpose and establishment of the Office of Inspector General

In order to create an independent and objective office—
(1) to conduct and supervise audits and investigations relating to the Government Printing Office;
(2) to provide leadership and coordination and recommend policies to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness; and
(3) to provide a means of keeping the Public Printer and the Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration and operations of the Government Printing Office;

there is hereby established an Office of Inspector General in the Government Printing Office.


EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 206 of title II of Pub. L. 100–504 provided that: "The provisions of this title and the amendments made by this title [enacting this chapter and provisions set out as notes under sections 101 and 3901 of this title] shall take effect 180 days after the date of the enactment of this title [Oct. 18, 1988]."

§3902. Appointment of Inspector General; supervision; removal

(a) There shall be at the head of the Office of Inspector General, an Inspector General who shall be appointed by the Public Printer without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of integrity and demonstrated ability in accounting, auditing, financial analysis, law, management analysis, public administration, or investigations. The Inspector General shall report to, and be under the general supervision of, the Public Printer. The Public Printer shall have no authority to prevent or prohibit the Inspector General from initiating, carrying out, or completing any audit or investigation, or from issuing any subpoena during the course of any audit or investigation.

(b) The Inspector General may be removed from office by the Public Printer. The Public Printer shall, promptly upon such removal, communicate in writing the reasons for any such removal to each House of the Congress.


§3903. Duties, responsibilities, authority, and reports

(a) Sections 4, 5, 6 (other than subsection (a)(7) and (8) thereof), and 7 of the Inspector General
1. “Government Printing Office” for “establishment”;
2. “Public Printer” for “head of the establishment”.
(b) The Inspector General, in carrying out the provisions of this chapter, is authorized to select, appoint, and employ such officers and employees as may be necessary for carrying out the functions, powers, and duties of the Office of Inspector General subject to the provisions of this title governing selections, appointments, and employment in the Government Printing Office (and any regulations thereunder).


REFERENCES IN TEXT
Sections 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the Inspector General Act of 1978, referred to in subsec. (a), are sections 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Pub. L. 95–452, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 19, Government Organization and Employees.

CHAPTER 41—ACCESS TO FEDERAL ELECTRONIC INFORMATION

§ 4101. Electronic directory; online access to publications; electronic storage facility
(a) IN GENERAL.—The Superintendent of Documents, under the direction of the Public Printer, shall—
1. maintain an electronic directory of Federal electronic information;
2. provide a system of online access to the Congressional Record, the Federal Register, and, as determined by the Superintendent of Documents, other appropriate publications distributed by the Superintendent of Documents; and
3. operate an electronic storage facility for Federal electronic information to which online access is made available under paragraph (2).
(b) DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS.—To the extent practicable, the Superintendent of Documents shall accommodate any request by the head of a department or agency to include in the system of access referred to in subsection (a)(2) information that is under the control of the department or agency involved.
(c) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this section, the Superintendent of Documents shall consult—
1. users of the directory and the system of access provided for under subsection (a); and
2. other providers of similar information services.

The purpose of such consultation shall be to assess the quality and value of the directory and the system, in light of user needs.


STATUS REPORT
Section 3 of Pub. L. 103–40 provided that: “Not later than June 30, 1994, the Public Printer shall submit to the Congress a report on the status of the directory, the system of access, and the electronic storage facility referred to in section 4101 of title 44, United States Code, as added by section 2(a).”

OPERATIONAL DEADLINE
Section 4(a) of Pub. L. 103–40 provided that: “The directory, the system of access, and the electronic storage facility referred to in section 4101 of title 44, United States Code, as added by section 2(a), shall be operational not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act [June 8, 1993].”

§ 4102. Fees
(a) IN GENERAL.—The Superintendent of Documents, under the direction of the Public Printer, may charge reasonable fees for use of the directory and the system of access provided for under section 4101, except that use of the directory and the system shall be made available to depository libraries without charge. The fees received shall be treated in the same manner as moneys received from sale of documents under section 1702 of this title.
(b) COST RECOVERY.—The fees charged under this section shall be set so as to recover the incremental cost of dissemination of the information involved, with the cost to be computed without regard to section 1708 of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 103–40, § 2(a), June 8, 1993, 107 Stat. 113.)

§ 4103. Biennial report
Not later than December 31 of each odd-numbered year, the Public Printer shall submit to the Congress, with respect to the two preceding fiscal years, a report on the directory, the system of access, and the electronic storage facility referred to in section 4101(a). The report shall include a description of the functions involved, including a statement of cost savings in comparison with traditional forms of information distribution.

(Added Pub. L. 103–40, § 2(a), June 8, 1993, 107 Stat. 113.)

FIRST BIENNIAL REPORT
Section 4(b) of Pub. L. 103–40 provided that: “The first report referred to in section 4103 of title 44, United States Code, as added by section 2(a), shall be submitted not later than December 31, 1995.”

§ 4104. Definition
As used in this chapter, the term “Federal electronic information” means Federal public information stored electronically.

(Added Pub. L. 103–40, § 2(a), June 8, 1993, 107 Stat. 113.)