Public Law 100-137
100th Congress

An Act

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[S. 1574]

To combine the Senators' Clerk Hire Allowance Account and the Senators' Official Office Expense Account into a combined single account to be known as the "Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account", and for other purposes.

Effective date.
2 USC 58c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a)(1) effective January 1, 1988, there shall be, within the contingent fund of the Senate, a separate appropriation account to be known as the "Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account" (hereinafter in this section referred to as the "Senators' Account").

(2) The Senators' Account shall be used for the funding of all items, activities, and expenses which, immediately prior to January 1, 1988, were funded under either (A) the Senate appropriation account for "Administrative, Clerical, and Legislative Assistance Allowance to Senators" (hereinafter in this section referred to as the "Senators' Clerk Hire Allowance Account") under the headings "SENATE" and "SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES", or (B) that part of the account, within the contingent fund of the Senate, for "Miscellaneous Items" (hereinafter in this section referred to as the "Senators' Official Office Expense Account") which is available for allocation to Senatorial Official Office Expense Accounts. In addition, the Senators' Account shall be used for the funding of agency contributions payable with respect to compensation payable by such account, but moneys appropriated to such account for this purpose shall not be available for any other purpose. The account, which in clause (A) of the first sentence of this paragraph is identified as the "Senators' Clerk Hire Allowance Account" and the account, which in clause (B) of such sentence is identified as the "Senators' Official Office Expense Account" shall, when referred to in other law, rule, regulation, or order (whether referred to by such name or any other) shall on and after January 1, 1988, be deemed to refer to the "Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account".

Effective date.

(3)(A) Effective on January 1, 1988, there shall be transferred to the Senators' Account from the Senators' Clerk Hire Allowance Account all funds therein which were available for expenditure or obligation during the fiscal year ending September 30, 1988, and from the Senators' Official Office Expense Account so much of the funds therein as was available for expenditure or obligation for the period commencing January 1, 1988, and ending September 30, 1988; except that the Senators' Official Office Expense Account shall remain in being solely for the purpose of being available to pay for any authorized item, activity, or expense, for which funds therein had been obligated, but not paid, prior to such transfer.

(B) Any of the funds transferred to the Senators' Account from the Senators' Clerk Hire Allowance Account pursuant to subparagraph (A) which, prior to such transfer, had been obligated, but not expended, for any authorized item, activity, or expense, shall be

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available to pay for such item, activity, or expense in like manner as if such transfer had not been made.

(4) On January 1, 1988, there shall be transferred to the Senators' Account, from the appropriation account for "Agency Contributions", under the headings "SENATE" and "SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES", so much of the moneys in such account as was appropriated for the purpose of making agency contributions for administrative, clerical, and legislative assistance to Senators with respect to compensation payable for the period commencing January 1, 1988, and ending September 30, 1988; and the moneys so transferred shall be available only for the payment of such agency contributions with respect to such compensation.

(5) Vouchers shall not be required for the disbursement, from the Senators' Account, of salaries of employees in the office of a Senator.

(b)(1) Effective January 1, 1988, section 506(a) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1973 (2 U.S.C. 58(a)) is amended to read as follows:

Effective date.

"SEC. 506. (a) The contingent fund of the Senate is made available for payment to or on behalf of each Senator, upon certification of the Senator, for the following expenses incurred by the Senator and his staff:

"(1) telecommunications equipment and services subject to such regulations as may be promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate;

Communications and telecommunications.

"(2) stationery and other office supplies procured for use for official business;

"(3) reimbursement to each Senator for costs incurred in the preparation of required official reports, and the acquisition of mailing lists to be used for official purposes, and in the mailing, delivery, or transmitting of matters relating to official business;

Mail.

"(4) reimbursement to each Senator for official office expenses incurred (other than for equipment and furniture and expenses described in paragraphs (1) through (3)) for an office in his home State;

"(5) reimbursements to each Senator for expenses incurred for publications printed or recorded in any way for auditory and visual use (including subscriptions to books, newspapers, magazines, clipping, and other information services);

"(6) subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, reimbursement of travel expenses incurred by the Senator and employees in his office;

Transportation.

"(7) reimbursement to each Senator for expenses incurred for additional office equipment and services related thereto (but not including personal services), in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate;

"(8) reimbursement to each Senator for charges officially incurred for recording and photographic services and products; and

"(9) reimbursement to each Senator for such other official expenses as the Senator determines to be necessary, but only (A) in the case of expenses for the period commencing January 1, 1988, and ending with the close of September 30, 1988, to the extent that such expenses do not exceed ten percent of the total amount of expenses authorized to be paid to or on behalf of such Senator under this section (excluding any amount so authorized by subsection (b)(2)(A)(iv) of this section), and (B) in the case of

expenditures for periods commencing on or after October 1, 1988, to the extent such expenses do not exceed ten percent of the total amount of expenses authorized to be paid to or on behalf of such Senator under this section (excluding any amount so authorized by subsection (b)(3)(A)(iv) of this section for the fiscal year involved).

Reimbursement to a Senator and his employees under this section shall be made only upon presentation of itemized vouchers for expenses incurred and, in the case of expenses reimbursed under paragraphs (6) and (9), only upon presentation of detailed itemized vouchers for such expenses. Vouchers presented for payment under this section shall be accompanied by such documentation as is required under regulations promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate. No reimbursement shall be made under paragraph (4) or (9) for any expense incurred for entertainment or meals.".

Effective date.

(2) Effective January 1, 1988, section 506(b) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1973 (2 U.S.C. 58(b)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking out "Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "(A) Except as is otherwise provided in the succeeding paragraphs of this subsection and subject to subparagraph (B) of this paragraph,",

(B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1), and

(C) by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraphs:

"(2)(A) In the case of the period which commences January 1, 1988, and ends September 30, 1988, the total of—

"(i) the expenses paid to or on behalf of a Senator under this section for such period, plus

"(ii) the aggregate amount of gross compensation which is paid to employees in the office of such Senator for such period (as determined for purposes of section 105(d) of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1968),

shall not exceed the aggregate of—

"(iii) subject to subparagraph (B), an amount equal to 75 percent of the amount of the authorized expenses under this section for the calendar year ending December 31, 1987, as determined in the case of a Senator, who represents the State which such Senator represents, whose term of office included all of such calendar year, plus

"(iv) the amount by which (I) the aggregate of the gross compensation which may be paid to employees in the office of such Senator for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1988, pursuant to the limitations imposed by section 105(d) of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1968 (as determined without regard to paragraph (1)(B) thereof), exceeds (II) the aggregate amount of gross compensation which is paid to employees in the office of such Senator for that part of such fiscal year which precedes January 1, 1988.

"(B) In the event that the term of office of a Senator begins after the first month of the period which commences January 1, 1988, and ends September 30, 1988, or ends (except by reason of death, resignation, or expulsion) before the last month of such period, the amount computed pursuant to subparagraph (A)(iii) of this paragraph (but before application of this subparagraph) shall be recalculated as

follows: such amount, as computed under subparagraph (A)(iii) of this paragraph, shall be divided by 9, and multiplied by the number of months in such period which are included in the Senator's term of office, counting any fraction of a month as a full month.

"(3)(A) In the case of the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1988, or any fiscal year thereafter, the total of—

"(i) the expenses paid to or on behalf of a Senator under this section for such fiscal year, plus

"(ii) the aggregate amount of gross compensation which is paid to employees in the office of such Senator for such fiscal year (as determined for purposes of section 105(d) of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1968),

shall not exceed the aggregate of—

"(iii) subject to subparagraph (B), in case the Senator represents Alabama, $53,000, Alaska, $137,000, Arizona, $63,000, Arkansas, $54,000, California, $95,000, Colorado, $59,000, Connecticut, $44,000, Delaware, $36,000, Florida, $56,000, Georgia, $53,000, Hawaii, $156,000, Idaho, $62,000, Illinois, $71,000, Indiana, $53,000, Iowa, $55,000, Kansas, $55,000, Kentucky, $52,000, Louisiana, $56,000, Maine, $48,000, Maryland, $40,000, Massachusetts, $51,000, Michigan, $59,000, Minnesota, $56,000, Mississippi, $54,000, Missouri, $57,000, Montana, $62,000, Nebraska, $56,000, Nevada, $64,000, New Hampshire, $45,000, New Jersey, $48,000, New Mexico, $60,000, New York, $76,000, North Carolina, $50,000, North Dakota, $55,000, Ohio, $64,000, Oklahoma, $58,000, Oregon, $66,000, Pennsylvania, $63,000, Rhode Island, $43,000, South Carolina, $48,000, South Dakota, $56,000, Tennessee, $53,000, Texas, $79,000, Utah, $62,000, Vermont, $44,000, Virginia, $45,000, Washington, $68,000, West Virginia $44,000, Wisconsin, $55,000, Wyoming, $58,000, plus State listing.

"(iv) the aggregate of the gross compensation which may be paid to employees in the office of such Senator for such fiscal year, under the limitations imposed by section 105(d) of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1968, but without regard to the provisions of paragraph (1)(C)(iv) thereof.

"(B) In the event that the term of office of a Senator begins after the first month of any such fiscal year or ends (except by reason of death, resignation, or expulsion) before the last month of any such fiscal year, the amount referred to in subparagraph (A)(iii) shall be recalculated as follows: such amount, as computed under subparagraph (iii), shall be divided by 12, and multiplied by the number of months in such year which are included in the Senator's term of office, counting any fraction of a month as a full month.".

(3) Effective January 1, 1988, section 506(h) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1973 (2 U.S.C. 58(h)) is amended— Effective date.

(A) by striking out paragraph (2) thereof and by striking out "(1)" where it appears immediately after "(h)"; and

(B) by striking out "(a)(5)" and inserting "(a)(4)".

(4) Effective January 1, 1988, subsection (e) of section 506 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 58e) is amended to read as follows: Effective date. 2 USC 58.

"(e) Subject to and in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, a Senator and the employees in his office shall be reimbursed under this section for travel expenses incurred by the Senator or employee while traveling on official business within the United States. The term 'travel expenses' includes actual transportation expenses, essential travel-related expenses, and, where applicable, per diem Transportation.

expenses (but not in excess of actual expenses). A Senator or an employee of the Senator shall not be reimbursed for any travel expenses (other than actual transportation expenses) for any travel occurring during the sixty days immediately before the date of any primary or general election (whether regular, special, or runoff) in which the Senator is a candidate for public office (within the meaning of section 301(b) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971), unless his candidacy in such election is uncontested. For purposes of this subsection and subsection (a)(6) of this section, an employee in the Office of the President pro tempore, Deputy President pro tempore, Majority Leader, Minority Leader, Majority Whip, Minority Whip, Secretary of the Conference of the Majority, or Secretary of the Conference of the Minority shall be considered to be an employee in the office of the Senator holding such office.".

Effective date.

(5) Effective January 1, 1988, the first sentence of subsection (j) of section 506 (2 U.S.C. 58(j)) of such Act is amended by striking out "(a)(8)" and inserting in lieu thereof "(a)(6)".

Effective date.

(c)(1) Effective January 1, 1988, section 105(d)(1) of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1968 (2 U.S.C. 61-1(d)(1)) is amended—

(A) by striking out "The" at the beginning of paragraph (1) and inserting in lieu thereof "(A) Except as is otherwise provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C), the", and

(B) by adding at the end of paragraph (1) the following new subparagraphs:

"(B) In the case of gross compensation paid to employees in the office of a Senator for the period commencing January 1, 1988, and ending September 30, 1988, the total of—

"(i) the aggregate amount of gross compensation which is paid to employees in the office of such Senator for such period, plus

"(ii) the expenses paid to or on behalf of such Senator under authority of section 506 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1973 (as determined after application of subsection (b) of such section, but without regard to paragraph (2)(A)(iv) thereof),

shall not exceed the aggregate of—

"(iii) subject to the next sentence, the amount by which (I) the aggregate of the gross compensation which may be paid to employees in the office of such Senator for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1988, as determined under this subsection (but without regard to this subparagraph), exceeds (II) the aggregate amount of gross compensation which is paid to employees in the office of such Senator for that part of such fiscal year which precedes January 1, 1988, plus

"(iv) the amount described in section 506(b)(2)(A)(iii) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1973.

In the event that the term of office of a Senator begins after the first month of the period which commences January 1, 1988, and ends September 30, 1988, or ends (except by reason of death, resignation, or expulsion) before the last month of such period, the amount computed pursuant to clause (iii) of this subparagraph (but before application of this sentence) shall be recalculated as follows: such amount, as so computed, shall be divided by 9, and multiplied by the number of months in such period which are included in the Senator's term of office, counting any fraction of a month as a full month.

"(C) In the case of gross compensation paid to employees in the office of a Senator for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1988, or any fiscal year thereafter, the total of—

"(i) the aggregate amount of gross compensation which is paid to employees in the office of such Senator for such year, plus

"(ii) the expenses paid to or on behalf of such Senator under authority of section 506 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1973 (as determined after application of subsection (b) of such section, but without regard to paragraph (3)(A)(ii) and (iv) thereof),

shall not exceed the aggregate of—

"(iii) the amount determined under subparagraph (A) for such year, plus

"(iv) the amount described in section 506(b)(3) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1973 (as determined without regard to subparagraph (A)(ii) and (iv) thereof).".

Effective date.

SEC. 2. Section 110 of the Supplemental Appropriations and Rescission Act, 1981 (Public Law 97-12; 2 U.S.C. 58b) is repealed effective January 1, 1988.

Effective date.
2 USC 61-1 note.

SEC. 3. Subsection (b) of section 111 of the Legislative Appropriations Act, 1978 (Public Law 95-94) is repealed, effective as of the first day of the 100th Congress.

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