

any member designated by him or by the Joint Committee, and may be served by such person or persons as may be designated by such chairman or member. The chairman of the Joint Committee or any member thereof may administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses.

(Pub. L. 91-510, title IV, §403, Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1188.)

§ 414. Staff of Joint Committee: appointment, duties, pay, discharge; utilization of Government personnel, consultants, and experts

(a) In carrying out its functions under subsections (a) and (c) of section 412 of this title, the Joint Committee is authorized, by record vote of a majority of the members of the Joint Committee—

(1) to appoint, on a permanent basis, without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of fitness to perform their duties, not more than six professional staff members and not more than six clerical staff members;

(2) to prescribe their duties and responsibilities;

(3) to fix their pay at respective per annum gross rates not in excess of the highest rate of basic pay, as in effect from time to time, of the General Schedule of section 5332(a) of title 5; and

(4) to terminate their employment as the Joint Committee may deem appropriate.

(b) In carrying out any of its functions under this chapter, the Joint Committee is authorized to utilize the services, information, facilities, and personnel of the departments and establishments of the Government, and to procure the temporary (not to exceed one year) or intermittent services of experts or consultants or organizations thereof by contract at rates of pay not in excess of the per diem equivalent of the highest rate of basic pay set forth in the General Schedule of section 5332 of title 5, including payment of such rates for necessary traveltime.

(Pub. L. 91-510, title IV, §404, Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1188.)

REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS TO GS-16, 17, OR 18 PAY RATES

References in laws to the rates of pay for GS-16, 17, or 18, or to maximum rates of pay under the General Schedule, to be considered references to rates payable under specified sections of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, see section 529 [title I, §101(c)(1)] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out in a note under section 5376 of Title 5.

§ 415. Records of Joint Committee

The Joint Committee shall keep a complete record of all Joint Committee actions, including a record of the votes on any question on which a record vote is demanded. All records, data, charts, and files of the Joint Committee shall be the property of the Joint Committee and shall be kept in the offices of the Joint Committee or such other places as the Joint Committee may direct.

(Pub. L. 91-510, title IV, §405, Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1188.)

§ 416. Office of Placement and Office Management

(a) Supervision of Joint Committee; Director and other personnel: appointment, duties, pay, and termination of employment

There is hereby established for the Congress an Office of Placement and Office Management which shall be subject to the supervision and control of the Joint Committee. The Joint Committee is authorized, by record vote of a majority of the members of the Joint Committee—

(1) to appoint, on a permanent basis, without regard to political affiliation, and solely on the basis of fitness to perform his duties, a Director of the Office of Placement and Office Management to serve as the head of the staff of the Office and such personnel as the Joint Committee deems necessary;

(2) to prescribe their duties and responsibilities;

(3) to fix their pay at respective per annum gross rates not in excess of the highest rate of basic pay, as in effect from time to time of the General Schedule of section 5332(a) of title 5; and

(4) to terminate their employment, as the Joint Committee may deem appropriate.

(b) Assistance in personnel hiring and office management

It shall be the duty of the Office, upon request, to assist Members, committees, and officers of the Senate and House of Representatives seeking competent personnel with specified qualifications and to furnish advice and information with respect to office management procedures.

(c) Use of facilities not required when inappropriate

Nothing in this section shall be held or considered to require the use of the facilities of the Office by any Member, committee, or officer of the Senate or House of Representatives, if, in the opinion of such Member, committee, or officer, the use of such facilities is inappropriate.

(Pub. L. 91-510, title IV, §406, Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1189.)

REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS TO GS-16, 17, OR 18 PAY RATES

References in laws to the rates of pay for GS-16, 17, or 18, or to maximum rates of pay under the General Schedule, to be considered references to rates payable under specified sections of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, see section 529 [title I, §101(c)(1)] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out in a note under section 5376 of Title 5.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 412 of this title.

§ 417. Expenses of Joint Committee; payment from contingent fund

The expenses of the Joint Committee shall be paid from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, from funds appropriated for the Joint Committee, upon vouchers approved by the chairman.

(Pub. L. 91-510, title IV, §407, Oct. 26, 1970, 84 Stat. 1189.)