

**§ 58c-1. Transfer of funds by Members of Senate from Senate Official Mail Costs Account to Senator's Official Personnel and Office Expense Account; writing respecting transfer to Financial Clerk of Senate; available amount and uses**

Each Member of the Senate may, subject to the approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, during the fiscal year ending September 30, 1991, and each fiscal year thereafter, at his or her election, transfer a sum not to exceed \$100,000 of the amount allocated to such Member by the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration from the Senate Official Mail Costs account, within the contingent fund of the Senate, to the Senator's Official Personnel and Office Expense Account, within the contingent fund of the Senate. Any transfer of funds under authority of the preceding sentence shall be made at such time or times as such Member shall specify in writing to the Financial Clerk of the Senate. Any funds so transferred by the Member shall be available for the expenditure by such Member in a like manner and for the same purposes as are other moneys which are available for expenditure by such Member from the Senators' Official Personnel and Office Expense Account.

(Pub. L. 101-520, title I, §12, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 2260; Pub. L. 102-392, title III, §313, Oct. 6, 1992, 106 Stat. 1723; Pub. L. 103-69, title I, §3, Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 695.)

**CODIFICATION**

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1991, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1991.

**AMENDMENTS**

1993—Pub. L. 103-69 struck out "the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and" after "subject to the approval of".

1992—Pub. L. 102-392 substituted "\$100,000 of the amount allocated to such Member" for "the lesser of \$100,000 or 50 percent of the amount allocated to such Member for mass mail".

**§ 59. Home State office space for Senators; lease of office space**

**(a) Procurement by Sergeant at Arms of Senate in places designated by Senator; places subject to use; lease of office space**

(1) The Sergeant at Arms of the Senate shall secure for each Senator office space suitable for the Senator's official use in places designated by the Senator in the State he represents. That space shall be secured in post offices or other Federal buildings at such places. In the event suitable office space is not available in post offices or other Federal buildings, the Sergeant at Arms shall secure other office space in those places.

(2) The Senator may lease, on behalf of the United States Senate, the office space so secured for a term not extending beyond the term of office which he is serving on the first day of such lease, except that, in the case of a Senator whose term of office is expiring and who has been elected for another term, such lease may extend until the end of the term for which he

has been so elected. Each such lease shall contain a provision permitting its cancellation upon sixty days written notice by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, in the event of the death or resignation of the Senator. A copy of each such lease shall be furnished to the Sergeant at Arms. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to require the Sergeant at Arms to enter into or execute any lease for or on behalf of a Senator.

**(b) Maximum amount of aggregate square feet for each Senator**

The aggregate square feet of office space secured for Senator shall not at any time exceed—

(1) 4,800 square feet if the population of his State is less than 2,000,000;

(2) 5,000 square feet if such population is 2,000,000 but less than 3,000,000;

(3) 5,200 square feet if such population is 3,000,000 but less than 4,000,000;

(4) 5,400 square feet if such population is 4,000,000 but less than 5,000,000;

(5) 5,800 square feet if such population is 5,000,000 but less than 7,000,000;

(6) 6,200 square feet if such population is 7,000,000 but less than 9,000,000;

(7) 6,400 square feet if such population is 9,000,000 but less than 10,000,000;

(8) 6,600 square feet if such population is 10,000,000 but less than 11,000,000;

(9) 6,800 square feet if such population is 11,000,000 but less than 12,000,000;

(10) 7,000 square feet if such population is 12,000,000 but less than 13,000,000;

(11) 7,400 square feet if such population is 13,000,000 but less than 15,000,000;

(12) 7,800 square feet if such population is 15,000,000 but less than 17,000,000; or

(13) 8,000 square feet if such population is 17,000,000 or more.

**(c) Maximum annual rental rate; maximum aggregate amount for acquisition of furniture, equipment, and other office furnishings**

(1) The maximum annual rate that may be paid for the rental of an office secured for a Senator not in a post office or other Federal building shall not exceed the highest rate per square foot charged Federal agencies on the first day of the lease of such office by the Administrator of General Services, based upon a 100 percent building quality rating, for office space located in the place in which the Senator's office is located, multiplied by the number of square feet contained in that office used by the Senator and his employees to perform their duties.

(2) The aggregate amount that may be paid for the acquisition of furniture, equipment, and other office furnishings heretofore provided by the Administrator of General Services for one or more offices secured for the Senator is \$30,000 if the aggregate square feet of office space is not in excess of 4,800 square feet. Such amount is increased by \$734 for each authorized additional incremental increase in office space of 200 square feet.

**(d) Senators subject to maximum amount of aggregate square feet and maximum annual rental rate**

(1) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, the aggregate square feet of office space se-

cured for a Senator who is a Senator on July 1, 1974, shall not at any time exceed, as long as he continuously serves as a Senator, the greater of—

(A) the applicable square footage limitation of such subsection; or

(B) the total square footage of those offices that the Senator has on such date and which are continuously maintained in the same buildings in which such offices were located on such date.

(2) The provisions of subsection (c) of this section do not apply to any office that a Senator has on July 1, 1974, not in a post office or other Federal building, as long as—

(A) that Senator continuously serves as a Senator; and

(B) that office is maintained in the same building in which it was located on such date and contains not more than the same number of square feet it contained in such date.

**(e) Omitted**

**(f) Mobile office**

(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5), a Senator may lease one mobile office for use only in the State he represents and the contingent fund of the Senate is available for the rental payments (including by way of reimbursement) made under such lease together with the actual nonpersonnel cost of operating such mobile office. The term of any such lease shall not exceed one year. A copy of each such lease shall be furnished to the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate.

(2) The maximum aggregate annual rental payments and operating costs (except furniture, equipment, and furnishings) that may be paid to a Senator under paragraph (1) shall not at any time exceed an amount determined by multiplying (A) the highest applicable rate per square foot charged Federal agencies by the Administrator of General Services in the State which that Senator represents, based upon a 100 percent building quality rating, by (B) the maximum aggregate square feet of office space to which that Senator is entitled under subsection (b) of this section reduced by the number of square feet contained in offices secured for that Senator under subsection (a) of this section and used by that Senator and his employees to perform their duties.

(3) No payment shall be made under paragraph (1) for rental payments and operating costs of a mobile office of a Senator unless the following provisions are included in its lease:

(A) Liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 shall be provided with respect to the operation and use of such mobile office.

(B) Either of the following inscriptions shall be clearly visible on three sides of such mobile office in letters not less than three inches high:

“UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT VEHICLE

“FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY”;

OR

“MOBILE OFFICE OF SENATOR \_\_\_\_\_

“FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY”.

(4) No payment shall be made under paragraph (1) for rental payments and operating costs of a mobile office of a Senator which are attributable to or incurred during the 60-day period ending with the date of any primary or general election (whether regular, special, or runoff) in which that Senator is a candidate for public office, unless his candidacy in such election is uncontested.

(5) Payment under paragraph (1) shall be made on a monthly basis and shall be paid upon vouchers approved by the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate.

**(g) Effective date**

This section is effective on and after July 1, 1974.

(Pub. L. 93-371, §3, Aug. 13, 1974, 88 Stat. 428; Pub. L. 94-32, title I, §4, June 12, 1975, 89 Stat. 183; Pub. L. 94-59, title I, §§106(a), 107, July 25, 1975, 89 Stat. 276; Pub. L. 95-26, title I, §105, May 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 83; Pub. L. 95-94, title I, §112(d), Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 664; Pub. L. 96-304, title I, §109, July 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 890; Pub. L. 99-88, title I, §194, Aug. 15, 1985, 99 Stat. 349; Pub. L. 102-27, title II, Apr. 10, 1991, 105 Stat. 144; Pub. L. 102-90, title I, §7(b), Aug. 14, 1991, 105 Stat. 451.)

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 3 of Pub. L. 93-371. Subsec. (e) of section 3 of Pub. L. 93-371 amended section 58 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1991—Subsec. (f)(1). Pub. L. 102-90, §7(b)(1), substituted “the contingent fund of the Senate is available for the rental payments (including by way of reimbursement)” for “shall be reimbursed from the contingent fund of the Senate for the rental payments”.

Subsec. (f)(2). Pub. L. 102-90, §7(b)(2), substituted “paid” for “reimbursed”.

Subsec. (f)(3). Pub. L. 102-90, §7(b)(3), substituted “payment” for “reimbursement”.

Subsec. (f)(3)(B). Pub. L. 102-27 added subpar. (B) and struck out former subpar. (B) which read as follows: “The following inscription shall be clearly visible on three sides of such mobile office in letters not less than four inches high:

“Mobile Office of Senator (name of Senator)

“FOR OFFICIAL OFFICE USE ONLY”.

Subsec. (f)(4). Pub. L. 102-90, §7(b)(4), substituted “payment” for “reimbursement”.

Subsec. (f)(5). Pub. L. 102-90, §7(b)(5), substituted “Payment” for “Reimbursement”.

1985—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 99-88 substituted “\$30,000” for “\$22,550” and “\$734” for “\$550”.

1980—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 96-304, §109(1), substituted provision limiting term of a lease of office space to a term not extending beyond the term of office which Senator is serving on first day of such lease, except in case of a Senator whose term is expiring and who has been elected to another term, to end of term for which he has been so elected, for provision limiting term of a lease of office space to a term of not to exceed one year and inserted provision requiring each lease to contain

a provision permitting cancellation upon sixty days written notification by Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of Senate, in event of death or resignation of Senator.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 96-304, §109(2), substituted "shall not exceed the highest rate per square foot charged Federal agencies on the first day of the lease of such office" for "shall not at any time exceed the applicable rate per square foot charged Federal agencies".

1977—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 95-94 substituted "\$22,550" for "\$20,500" and "\$550" for "\$500".

Subsec. (f)(5). Pub. L. 95-26 substituted "monthly" for "quarterly".

1975—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-59, §107, designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 94-59, §106(a), designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

Subsecs. (f), (g). Pub. L. 94-32 added subsec. (f) and redesignated former subsec. (f) as (g).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1991 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-90 effective Oct. 1, 1991, see section 7(c) of Pub. L. 102-90, set out as a note under section 58 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Section 109 of Pub. L. 96-304 provided that the amendment made by that section is effective Jan. 1, 1980.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1977 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-94 effective Aug. 5, 1977, see section 112(f) of Pub. L. 95-94, set out as a note under section 58 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1975 AMENDMENT

Section 106(b) of Pub. L. 94-59 provided that: "The amendment made by subsection (a) of this section [amending this section] is effective on and after July 1, 1975."

### § 59a. Repealed. Pub. L. 101-163, title I, § 103(b), Nov. 21, 1989, 103 Stat. 1050

Section, Pub. L. 93-462, §1, Oct. 20, 1974, 88 Stat. 1388, related to purchase of office equipment or furnishings by House Members.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Oct. 1, 1989, see section 103(c) of Pub. L. 101-163, set out as an Effective Date of 1989 Amendment note under section 117e of this title.

### § 59b. Purchase of office equipment or furnishings by Senators

#### (a) Authorization; conditions

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a United States Senator may purchase, upon leaving office or otherwise ceasing to be a Senator (except by expulsion), any item or items of office equipment or office furnishings provided by the General Services Administration and then currently located and in use in an office of such Senator in the State then represented by such Senator.

#### (b) Request by Senator and arrangement for purchase by Sergeant at Arms of Senate; regulations governing purchase; price

At the request of any United States Senator, the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate shall arrange for and make the purchase of equipment and furnishings under subsection (a) of this section on behalf of such Senator. Each such purchase shall be—

(1) in accordance with regulations which shall be prescribed by the Committee on Rules

and Administration of the Senate, after consultation with the General Services Administration; and

(2) at a price equal to the acquisition cost to the Federal Government of the equipment or furnishings so purchased, less allowance for depreciation determined under such regulations, but in no instance less than the fair market value of such items.

#### (c) Remittance of amounts received to General Services Administration; disposition

Amounts received by the Federal Government from the sale of items of office equipment or office furnishings under this section shall be remitted to the General Services Administration and credited to the appropriate account or accounts.

(Pub. L. 93-462, §2, Oct. 20, 1974, 88 Stat. 1388.)

### § 59c. Transferred

#### CODIFICATION

Section, Pub. L. 95-94, title I, §103, Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 660; Pub. L. 97-51, §118, Oct. 1, 1981, 95 Stat. 964, which related to disposal of used or surplus furniture and equipment by Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of Senate, and procedure with respect to deposit of receipts from sale of such furniture and equipment, was transferred to section 117b of this title.

### § 59d. Transportation of official records and papers to House Member's district

#### (a) Payment of reasonable expenses from contingent fund of House; rules and regulations

Effective August 16, 1978, notwithstanding any provision of law and until otherwise provided by law, the contingent fund of the House shall be available to pay the reasonable expenses of sending or transporting the official records and papers of any Member of the House of Representatives from the District of Columbia to any location designated by such Member in the district represented by the Member.

The Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to provide for the most economical means of sending or transporting such documents to insure the orderly and timely delivery to the specified location. The Committee on House Administration shall have the authority to issue rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

#### (b) "Member" and "official records and papers" defined

As used in this section—

(1) the term "Member" means a Representative, a Resident Commissioner in the House, and a Delegate to the House; and

(2) the term "official records and papers" means books, records, papers, and official files which could be sent as franked mail.

(Pub. L. 98-51, title I, §111(1), July 14, 1983, 97 Stat. 269.)

#### CODIFICATION

In subsec. (a), "August 16, 1978" substituted for "upon the date of adoption of this resolution" meaning the date of adoption of House Resolution No. 1297, which was agreed to Aug. 16, 1978.

Section is based on House Resolution No. 1297, Ninety-fifth Congress, Aug. 16, 1978, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 98-51.