

House during its sittings, to maintain order under the direction of the Speaker, and, pending the election of a Speaker or Speaker pro tempore, under the direction of the Clerk, execute the commands of the House and all processes issued by authority thereof, directed to him by the Speaker, keep the accounts for the pay and mileage of Members and Delegates, and pay them as provided by law.

(Oct. 1, 1890, ch. 1256, § 1, 26 Stat. 645.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Certain functions of Sergeant at Arms of House of Representatives transferred to Director of Non-legislative and Financial Services by section 7 of House Resolution No. 423, One Hundred Second Congress, Apr. 9, 1992. Director of Non-legislative and Financial Services replaced by Chief Administrative Officer of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Fourth Congress, Jan. 4, 1995.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF SERGEANT AT ARMS

Pub. L. 104-53, title III, § 313, Nov. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 538, provided that:

“(a) The Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives shall have the same law enforcement authority, including the authority to carry firearms, as a member of the Capitol Police. The law enforcement authority under the preceding sentence shall be subject to the requirement that the Sergeant at Arms have the qualifications specified in subsection (b).

“(b) The qualifications referred to in subsection (a) are the following:

“(1) A minimum of five years of experience as a law enforcement officer before beginning service as the Sergeant at Arms.

“(2) Current certification in the use of firearms by the appropriate Federal law enforcement entity or an equivalent non-Federal entity.

“(3) Any other firearms qualification required for members of the Capitol Police.

“(c) The Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives shall have authority to prescribe regulations to carry out this section.”

CROSS REFERENCES

Salary and traveling expenses of Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico paid by Sergeant at Arms, see section 894 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

Statement of disbursements, see section 84 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 84 of this title.

§ 79. Symbol of office of Sergeant at Arms

The symbol of his office shall be the mace, which shall be borne by him while enforcing order on the floor.

(Oct. 1, 1890, ch. 1256, § 2, 26 Stat. 645.)

§ 80. Disbursement of compensation of House Members by Sergeant at Arms

The moneys which have been, or may be, appropriated for the compensation and mileage of Members and Delegates shall be paid at the Treasury on requisitions drawn by the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, and shall be kept, disbursed, and accounted for by him according to law, and he shall be a disbursing officer, but he shall not be entitled to any compensation additional to the salary fixed by law.

(Oct. 1, 1890, ch. 1256, § 3, 26 Stat. 645.)

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SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 25b, 84 of this title.

§ 80a. Deductions by Sergeant at Arms in disbursement of gratuity appropriations

The Sergeant at Arms of the House is authorized, in the disbursement of gratuity appropriations, to make deductions of such amounts as may be due to or through his office or as may be due the House of Representatives.

(May 29, 1928, ch. 853, § 1, 45 Stat. 885.)

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§ 81. Repealed. Pub. L. 93-344, title V, § 505(2), July 12, 1974, 88 Stat. 322

Section, act July 2, 1954, ch. 455, title I, 68 Stat. 400, directed that the fiscal year for the adjustment of the accounts of Sergeant at Arms of House for compensation and mileage of Members, Delegates, and Resident Commissioner extend from July 1 to June 30.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective July 12, 1974, see section 905 of Pub. L. 93-344, set out as an Effective Date note under section 621 of this title.

§ 81a. Audits and reports of fiscal records of Sergeant at Arms

In order to provide additional protection for the appropriated and trust funds of the Office of the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, the Comptroller General of the United States shall, not less frequently than once each six months, detail employees of the General Accounting Office to make an on-the-spot audit of all receipts and disbursements pertaining to the fiscal records of such Office of the Sergeant at Arms. The Comptroller General shall report to the Speaker and Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives the results of each such audit.

(July 26, 1949, ch. 366, 63 Stat. 482.)

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Section was formerly classified to section 62b of this title.

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