

Official Expenses Allowance, and the Official Mail Allowance shall cease to exist and the functions formerly carried out under such allowances shall be carried out under a single allowance, to be known as the “Members’ Representational Allowance”.

(b) Under the Members’ Representational Allowance, the amount that shall be available to a Member for franked mail with respect to a session of Congress shall be the amount allocated for that purpose by the Committee on House Oversight under paragraphs (1)(A) and (2)(B) of subsection (e) of section 311 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1991 [2 U.S.C. 59e(e)(1)(A), (2)(B)], plus an amount equal to the amount permitted to be transferred to the former Official Mail Allowance under paragraph (3) of that subsection.

SEC. 2. The Committee on House Oversight shall have authority to prescribe regulations to carry out this resolution.

CROSS REFERENCES

For establishment of Members’ Representational Allowance, see section 57b of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 57a of this title.

§ 57a. Limitation on allowance authority of Committee on House Oversight

(a) In general

An order under the provision of law specified in subsection (c) of this section may fix or adjust the allowances of the House of Representatives only by reason of—

- (1) a change in the price of materials, services, or office space;
- (2) a technological change or other improvement in office equipment; or
- (3) an increase under section 5303 of title 5 in rates of pay under the General Schedule.

(b) Resolution requirement

In the case of reasons other than the reasons specified in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (a) of this section, the fixing and adjustment of the allowances of the House of Representatives in the categories described in the provision of law specified in subsection (c) of this section may be carried out only by resolution of the House of Representatives.

(c) Provision specified

The provision of law referred to in subsections (a) and (b) of this section is section 57 of this title.

(Pub. L. 94-440, title II, §101, Oct. 1, 1976, 90 Stat. 1448; Pub. L. 104-186, title I, §103, Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1720.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The General Schedule, referred to in subsec. (a)(3), is set out under section 5332 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

CODIFICATION

Section is based on House Resolution No. 1372, §1, Ninety-fourth Congress, July 1, 1976, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 94-440.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section consisted of subsecs. (a) and (b) relating to limitations on authority of the Committee on House Administration to fix and adjust allowances.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 57 of this title.

§ 57b. Representational allowance for Members of House of Representatives

(a) In general

There is established for the House of Representatives a single allowance, to be known as the “Members’ Representational Allowance”, which shall be available to support the conduct of the official and representational duties of a Member of the House of Representatives with respect to the district from which the Member is elected.

(b) Merger

The Clerk Hire Allowance, the Official Expenses Allowance, and the Official Mail Allowance, as in effect on the day before September 1, 1995, are merged into the Members’ Representational Allowance.

(c) “Member of the House of Representatives” defined

As used in this section, the term “Member of the House of Representatives” means a Representative in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.

(d) Regulations

The Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives shall have authority to prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

(e) Effective date

This section shall take effect on September 1, 1995 and shall apply with respect to official and representational duties carried out on or after that date.

(Pub. L. 104-186, title I, §101, Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1719.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 57b, Pub. L. 104-53, title III, §314, Nov. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 538, provided that, effective Sept. 1, 1995, Committee on House Oversight of House of Representatives had authority to combine House of Representatives Clerk Hire Allowance, Official Expenses Allowance, and Official Mail Allowance into single allowance, to be known as the “Members’ Representational Allowance” and to prescribe regulations relating to allocations, expenditures, and other matters with respect to Members’ Representational Allowance.

CROSS REFERENCES

For establishment of Members’ Representational Allowance, see Committee Order No. 41, set out as a note under section 57 of this title.

§ 58. Mail, telegraph, telephone, stationery, office supplies, and home State office and travel expenses for Senators

(a) Authorization for payment from Senate contingent fund

The contingent fund of the Senate is made available for payment (including reimbursement) 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;
- (2)(A) stationery and other office supplies procured for use for official business, and