

which were not transferred thereto under such authority. For purposes of any law of the United States, a State, a territory, or a political subdivision thereof, an employee designated by a Senator pursuant to this section shall be considered to be an employee of such Senator's Senate office and not an employee of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics.

(Pub. L. 98-367, title I, §10, July 17, 1984, 98 Stat. 476.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriation Act, 1985, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1985.

#### § 72a-1g. Referral of ethics violations by Senate Ethics Committee to Government Accountability Office for investigation

If the Committee on Ethics of the Senate determines that there is a reasonable basis to believe that a Member, officer, or employee of the Senate may have committed an ethics violation, the committee may request the Office of Special Investigations of the Government Accountability Office to conduct factfinding and an investigation into the matter. The Office of Special Investigations shall promptly investigate the matter as directed by the committee.

(Pub. L. 101-194, title V, §501, Nov. 30, 1989, 103 Stat. 1753; Pub. L. 108-271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108-271 substituted "Government Accountability Office" for "General Accounting Office" in section catchline and text.

#### §§ 72a-2, 72a-3. Omitted

#### CODIFICATION

Section 72a-2, acts July 20, 1951, ch. 237, §§1-3, 65 Stat. 123; Aug. 5, 1955, ch. 568, §§1, 8, 69 Stat. 501, 509; Feb. 14, 1956, ch. 34, Ch. IV, 70 Stat. 13; June 27, 1956, ch. 453, 70 Stat. 357; July 28, 1967, Pub. L. 90-57, §103, 81 Stat. 141; Aug. 18, 1970, Pub. L. 91-382, §103, 84 Stat. 825, prescribed basic compensation of employees of House and Senate press, periodical, and radio galleries, and was omitted for lack of general applicability.

Section 72a-3, Pub. L. 91-382, Aug. 18, 1970, 84 Stat. 814, which related to computation of salaries and wages paid out of House appropriation items, was from the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1971, and was not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts. See section 331 et seq. of this title. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 91-145, Dec. 12, 1969, 83 Stat. 347.  
 Pub. L. 90-417, July 23, 1968, 82 Stat. 404.  
 Pub. L. 90-57, July 28, 1967, 81 Stat. 133.  
 Pub. L. 89-545, Aug. 27, 1966, 80 Stat. 361.  
 Pub. L. 89-90, July 27, 1965, 79 Stat. 273.  
 Pub. L. 88-454, Aug. 20, 1964, 78 Stat. 542.  
 Pub. L. 88-248, Dec. 30, 1963, 77 Stat. 809.  
 Pub. L. 87-730, Oct. 2, 1962, 76 Stat. 686.  
 Pub. L. 87-130, Aug. 10, 1961, 75 Stat. 327.  
 Pub. L. 86-628, July 12, 1960, 74 Stat. 453.  
 Pub. L. 86-176, Aug. 21, 1959, 73 Stat. 405.  
 Pub. L. 85-570, July 31, 1958, 72 Stat. 446.  
 Pub. L. 85-75, July 1, 1957, 71 Stat. 249.  
 June 27, 1956, ch. 453, 70 Stat. 363.  
 Aug. 5, 1955, ch. 568, 69 Stat. 513.  
 July 2, 1954, ch. 455, title I, 68 Stat. 403.

#### § 72a-4. Repealed. Pub. L. 90-57, §105(i)(1), July 28, 1967, 81 Stat. 144

Section, Pub. L. 85-75, July 1, 1957, 71 Stat. 246, provided for computation of salaries and wages paid out of

Senate contingent-expense items. See section 61-1(b), (c) of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Aug. 1, 1967, see section 105(k) of Pub. L. 90-57, set out as an Effective Date note under section 61-1 of this title.

#### § 72b. Regulations governing availability of appropriations for House committee employees

Appropriations for committee employees shall be available in such amounts and under such regulations as may be approved by the Committee on House Oversight for compensation of employees of the standing committees of the House of Representatives, except the Committee on Appropriations.

(July 17, 1947, ch. 262, 61 Stat. 367; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §204(12), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1731.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 substituted "House Oversight" for "House Administration".

#### CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on House Oversight of House of Representatives changed to Committee on House Administration of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Sixth Congress, Jan. 6, 1999.

#### § 72b-1. Omitted

#### CODIFICATION

Section, act Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title I, §134(b), 60 Stat. 832, related to reports of committees and subcommittees of the Senate and House of Representatives on employed personnel. See section 72c of this title and the Standing Rules of the Senate. Section 2(a) of Senate Resolution No. 274, Ninety-sixth Congress, Nov. 14, 1979, provided in part that this section, insofar as it relates to the Senate, is repealed.

#### § 72c. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §204(13), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1732

Section, act July 17, 1947, ch. 262, 61 Stat. 367, related to House committee reports on employed personnel.

#### § 72d. Discretionary authority of Senate Committee on Appropriations

##### (a) In general

The Committee on Appropriations is authorized in its discretion—

- (1) to hold hearings, report such hearings, and make investigations as authorized by paragraph 1 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate;
- (2) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate;
- (3) to employ personnel;
- (4) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration to use, on a reimbursable or nonreimbursable basis, the services of personnel of any such department or agency;
- (5) to procure the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 72a(i) of this title and Senate Resolution 140, agreed to May 14, 1975, except that any approval (and related reporting requirement) shall not apply); and

(6) to provide for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 72a(j) of this title).

**(b) Omitted**

**(c) Effective date**

This section shall be effective on and after October 1, 1998, or the date of enactment of this Act [October 21, 1998], whichever is later.

(Pub. L. 105-275, title I, §10, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2435; Pub. L. 109-55, title I, §6, Aug. 2, 2005, 119 Stat. 568.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Senate Resolution 140, agreed to May 14, 1975, referred to in subsec. (a)(5), is Senate Resolution 140, 94th Congress, which is not classified to the Code.

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 10 of Pub. L. 105-275. Subsec. (b) of section 10 of Pub. L. 105-275 amended section 4 of Senate Resolution 54, 105th Congress, which is not classified to the Code.

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1999, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1999.

AMENDMENTS

2005—Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 109-55 inserted “, except that any approval (and related reporting requirement) shall not apply” after “May 14, 1975”.

**§ 72d-1. Transfer of funds by Chairman of Senate Committee on Appropriations**

**(a) In general**

(1) The Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate may, during any fiscal year, at his or her election transfer funds from the appropriation account for salaries for the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, to the account, within the contingent fund of the Senate, from which expenses are payable for such committee.

(2) The Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate may, during any fiscal year, at his or her election transfer funds from the appropriation account for expenses, within the contingent fund of the Senate, for the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, to the account from which salaries are payable for such committee.

**(b) Availability of funds; times of transfer**

Any funds transferred under this section shall be—

(1) available for expenditure by such committee in like manner and for the same purposes as are other moneys which are available for expenditure by such committee from the account to which the funds were transferred; and

(2) made at such time or times as the Chairman shall specify in writing to the Senate Disbursing Office.

**(c) Effective date**

This section shall take effect on October 1, 1998, and shall be effective with respect to fiscal years beginning on or after that date.

(Pub. L. 105-275, title I, §11, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2435.)

CODIFICATION

Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1999, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1999.

**§§ 73, 74. Omitted**

CODIFICATION

Section 73, act Mar. 4, 1925, ch. 549, §1, 43 Stat. 1292, related to clerk hire for Ways and Means Committee. See section 72a(c) of this title and Rules of House of Representatives.

Section 74, acts Mar. 3, 1893, No. 21, 27 Stat. 757; July 16, 1914, ch. 141, §§1, 6, 38 Stat. 454, 509; Mar. 4, 1915, ch. 141, §§1, 6, 38 Stat. 997, 1049; June 7, 1924, ch. 303, §1, 43 Stat. 581, and Mar. 4, 1925, ch. 549, §1, 43 Stat. 1286, related to clerk hire. See section 72a of this title.

REPEALS

R.S. §53 and act May 24, 1924, ch. 183, §1, 43 Stat. 149, formerly cited as a credit to section 74, were repealed by act Mar. 3, 1933, ch. 202, §1, 47 Stat. 1428, and act June 20, 1929, ch. 33, §6, 46 Stat. 39, respectively.

**§ 74-1. Personal services in office of Speaker; payments**

There shall be paid from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives until otherwise provided by law, for personal services in the office of the Speaker of the House, an additional basic sum of \$10,000 per annum.

(Pub. L. 87-730, §103, Oct. 2, 1962, 76 Stat. 693; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §204(14), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1732.)

CODIFICATION

Section is based on House Resolution No. 487, Eighty-seventh Congress, Jan. 10, 1962, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 87-730.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 substituted “applicable accounts of the House of Representatives” for “contingent fund of the House”.

**§ 74-2. Omitted**

Section, Pub. L. 88-248, §103, Dec. 30, 1963, 77 Stat. 817; Pub. L. 89-90, §103, July 27, 1965, 79 Stat. 81; Pub. L. 90-417, §103, July 23, 1968, 82 Stat. 413, was based on House Resolutions No. 603, Apr. 16, 1962, and No. 685, Apr. 14, 1964, related to messengers in Office of Speaker, and was omitted for lack of general applicability.

**§ 74a. Employment of administrative assistants for Speaker and House Majority and Minority Leaders; compensation; appropriations**

The Speaker, the majority leader, and the minority leader of the House of Representatives are each authorized to employ an administrative assistant, who shall receive basic compensation at a rate not to exceed \$8,000 a year. There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the payment of such compensation.

(Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 753, title II, §201(c), 60 Stat. 834.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Aug. 2, 1946, see section 245 of act Aug. 2, 1946, set out as a note under section 72a of this title.

BASIC COMPENSATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

Pub. L. 85-462, §4(n), June 20, 1958, 72 Stat. 209, provided that: “The basic compensation of the Administra-