§ 5501 Disposition of money accruing from individual who violates this section shall be returned into the Treasury of the United States. An unused appropriation for salaries shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States in item 5537.


1967—Pub. L. 90–83, § 1(23), (26)(B), (28), (30), (35), Sept. 11, 1967, 81 Stat. 200, 201, 203, inserted items 5534a, 5585 and 5596, included Sunday rates in item 5544, Sunday and hazardous duty differential in item 5545 and Sundays in item 5546, substituted “Severance Pay and Back Pay” for “Back Pay” in heading of subchapter IX, and struck out items 5592 to 5594.

No Payment of Services to Individual in Acting or Temporary Capacity After Second Nomination for That Individual is Withdrawn or Returned to President

Pub. L. 111–8, div. D, title VII, § 749, Mar. 11, 2009, 123 Stat. 693, provided that: “Effective January 20, 2009, and for each fiscal year thereafter, no part of any appropriation contained in this or any other Act may be used for the payment of services to any individual carrying out the responsibilities of any position requiring Senate advice and consent in an acting or temporary capacity after the second submission of a nomination for that individual to that position has been withdrawn or returned to the President.”

No Payment to Person Filling Position After Vote by Senate Not to Approve Person’s Nomination

Pub. L. 110–161, div. D, title VII, § 709, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2021, provided that: “Hereafter, no part of any appropriation contained in this or any other Act shall be paid to any person for the filling of any position for which he or she has been nominated after the Senate has voted not to approve the nomination of said person.”

SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 5501. Disposition of money accruing from lapse of salaries or unused appropriations for salaries

Money accruing from lapse of salaries or from unused appropriations for salaries shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States. An individual who violates this section shall be removed from the service.

(Pub. L. 89–554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 475.)

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Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

§ 5502. Unauthorized office; prohibition on use of funds

(a) Payment for services may not be made from the Treasury of the United States to an individual acting or assuming to act as an officer in the civil service or uniformed services in an office which is not authorized by existing law, unless the office is later sanctioned by law.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by statute, public money and appropriations may not be used for pay or allowance for an individual employed by an official of the United States retired from active service.

(Pub. L. 89–554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 475.)

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§ 5503. Recess appointments

(a) Payment for services may not be made from the Treasury of the United States to an individual appointed during a recess of the Senate to fill a vacancy in an existing office, if the vacancy existed while the Senate was in session and was by law required to be filled by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, until the appointee has been confirmed by the Senate.

This subsection does not apply—

(1) if the vacancy arose within 30 days before the end of the session of the Senate;

(2) if, at the end of the session, a nomination for the office, other than the nomination of an individual appointed during the preceding recess of the Senate, was pending before the Senate for its advice and consent; or

(3) if a nomination for the office was rejected by the Senate within 90 days before the end of the session and an individual other than the one whose nomination was rejected thereafter receives a recess appointment.

(b) A nomination to fill a vacancy referred to by paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (a) of this section shall be submitted to the Senate not later than 40 days after the beginning of the next session of the Senate.

(Pub. L. 89–554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 475.)

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In the last sentence, the word “removed” is substituted for “summarily removed” because of the provisions of the Lloyd-La Follette Act 37 Stat. 555, as amended, and the Veterans’ Preference Act of 1944, 58 Stat. 387, as amended, which are carried into this title.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.
§ 5504. Biweekly pay periods; computation of pay

(a) The pay period for an employee covers two administrative workweeks.

(b) When, in the case of an employee, it is necessary for computation of pay under this subsection to convert an annual rate of basic pay to a basic hourly, daily, weekly, or biweekly rate, the following rules govern:

1. To derive an hourly rate, divide the annual rate by 2,087.
2. To derive a daily rate, multiply the hourly rate by the number of daily hours of service required.
3. To derive a weekly or biweekly rate, multiply the hourly rate by 40 or 80, as the case may be.

Rates are computed to the nearest cent, counting one-half and over as a whole cent.

(c) For the purposes of this section:

1. The term “employee” means—
   (A) an employee in or under an Executive agency;
   (B) an employee in or under the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, the Botanic Garden, and the Library of Congress, for whom a basic administrative workweek is established under section 6101(a)(5) of this title; and
   (C) an individual employed by the government of the District of Columbia.

2. The term “employee” does not include—
   (A) an employee on the Isthmus of Panama in the service of the Panama Canal Commission; or
   (B) an employee or individual excluded from the definition of employee in section 5541(2) of this title other than an employee or individual excluded by clauses (ii), (iii), and (xiv) through (xvii) of such section.

3. Notwithstanding paragraph (2), an individual who otherwise would be excluded from the definition of employee shall be deemed to be an employee for purposes of this section if the individual’s employing agency so elects, under guidelines in regulations promulgated by the Office of Personnel Management under subsection (d)(2).

(d) (1) The Office of Personnel Management may prescribe regulations, subject to the approval of the President, necessary for the administration of this section insofar as this section affects employees in or under an Executive agency.

2. The Office of Personnel Management shall provide guidelines by regulation for exemptions to be made by the heads of agencies under subsection (c)(3). Such guidelines shall provide for such exemptions only under exceptional circumstances.

(HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES)

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(a) | 5 U.S.C. 944(b), (d) (last 27 words, as applicable to subsection (b)). | June 30, 1945, ch. 212, §604(b), (e) (last 27 words, as applicable to subsection (b)), 59 Stat. 303, 304.
(b) | 5 U.S.C. 944(c), (d) (last 27 words, less applicability to subsection (b)). | June 30, 1945, ch. 212, §604(d), (e) (last 27 words, less applicability to subsection (b)), 59 Stat. 303, 304.

(AMENDMENTS)


Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 108–136, §112(a)(1), (b), redesignated subsec. (c) as (d), inserted “(1)” after “(d)”, and added par. (2).

1986—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99–272 struck out first sentence which provided that for pay computation purposes affecting an employee, the annual rate of basic pay established by or under statute is deemed payment for employment during 52 basic administrative workweeks of 40 hours, inserted “in the case of an employee, after “When” in second sentence, substituted “2,087” for “2,080” in par. (1), and inserted “other than an employee or individual excluded by section 5541(2)(xvi) of this title” at end of last sentence.

1979—Subsec. (a)(A). Pub. L. 96–70 substituted “Canal Zone Government” for “Canal Zone Government or the Panama Canal Company”.

Subsec. (a)(B). Pub. L. 96–54 substituted “Canal Zone Government” for paragraphs (1) and (3) are substituted for the words “all officers and employees of the organizations referred to in section (b) of this section”. In paragraph (A), the words “Canal Zone Government” and “Panama Canal Company” are substituted for “The Panama Canal” and “Panama Railroad Company” on authority of the Act of Sept. 26, 1950, ch. 1049, §12(a), 64 Stat. 1038. Paragraph (B) is added on authority of former section 902, which is carried into section 5541.

In subsection (b), the exception in the last sentence is added on authority of former section 902, which is carried into section 5541.

Subsection (c) is added on authority of former section 945, which is carried into section 5548. The words “an Executive agency” are substituted for “the executive branch of the Government” to conform to the definition in section 105. Applicability of this section to employees of the General Accounting Office is based on former section 933a.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

1967 ACT

This section amends 5 U.S.C. 5504 to reflect the amendment to 5 U.S.C. 6101 by section 1(43) of this bill.
§ 5505. Monthly pay periods; computation of pay

The pay period for an individual in the service of the United States whose pay is monthly or annual covers one calendar month, and the following rules for division of time and computation of pay for services performed govern:

1. A month's pay is one-twelfth of a year's pay.

2. A day's pay is one-thirtieth of a month's pay.

3. The 31st day of a calendar month is ignored in computing pay, except that one day's pay is forfeited for one day's unauthorized absence on the 31st day of a calendar month.

4. For each day of the month elapsing before entering the service, one day's pay is deducted from the first month's pay of the individual.

This section does not apply to an employee whose pay is computed under section 5504(b) of this title.

(Pub. L. 89–554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 476.)

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§ 5506. Computation of extra pay based on standard or daylight saving time

When an employee as defined by section 2105 of this title or an individual employed by the government of the District of Columbia is entitled to extra pay for services performed between or after certain named hours of the day or night, the extra pay is computed on the basis of either standard or daylight saving time, depending on the time observed by law, custom, or practice where the services are performed.

(Pub. L. 89–554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 476.)

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§ 5507. Officer affidavit; condition to pay

An officer required by section 3332 of this title to file an affidavit may not be paid until the affidavit has been filed.

(Pub. L. 89–554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 477.)

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§ 5508. Officer entitled to leave; effect on pay status

An officer in the executive branch and an officer of the government of the District of Colum-
bation to whom subchapter I of chapter 63 of this title applies are not entitled to the pay of their offices solely because of their status as officers. (Pub. L. 89–554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 477.)

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The words “including an officer of a corporation wholly owned or controlled by the United States” are omitted as unnecessary in view of the definition of “officer” in section 2104.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

### § 5509. Appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated sums necessary to carry out the provisions of this title.

(Pub. L. 89–554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 477.)

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The remainder of the authority for this section is implied from the statutes from which this title is derived.

### Merit Systems Protection Board and Office of Special Counsel; Authorization of Appropriations; Restriction on Appropriations


“(a) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated—

(1) for each of fiscal years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 such sums as necessary to carry out subchapter I of chapter 12 of title 5, United States Code (as amended by this Act); and

(2) for each of fiscal years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 such sums as necessary to carry out subchapter II of chapter 12 of title 5, United States Code (as amended by this Act).

“(b) Restriction on Appropriations Under the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978.—No funds may be appropriated to the Merit Systems Protection Board or the Office of Special Counsel pursuant to section 903 of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 [Pub. L. 95–554] (5 U.S.C. 5509 note).”

In subsection (b), the words “From and after February 24, 1931” are omitted as executed. The word “employee” is coextensive with and substituted for “civil employee of the United States” in view of the definition of “employee” in section 2108.

### § 5512. Withholding Pay; Individuals in Arrears

(a) The pay of an individual in arrears to the United States shall be withheld until he has accounted for and paid into the Treasury of the United States all sums for which he is liable.

(b) When pay is withheld under subsection (a) of this section, the employing agency, on request of the individual, his agent, or his attorney, shall report immediately to the Attorney General the balance due; and the Attorney General, within 60 days, shall order suit to be commenced against the individual.


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### § 5511. Withholding Pay; Employees Removed for Cause

(a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this section, the earned pay of an employee removed for cause may not be withheld or confiscated.

(b) If an employee indebted to the United States is removed for cause, the pay accruing to the employee shall be applied in whole or in part to the satisfaction of any claim or indebtedness due the United States.

(Pub. L. 89–554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 477.)

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