

Public Law 100-123  
100th Congress

An Act

Oct. 5, 1987  
[S. 1532]

Relating to the payment for telecommunications equipment and certain services furnished by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

DEFINITIONS

2 USC 58a-1.

SECTION 1. As used in this Act, the term—

- (1) "Sergeant at Arms" means the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the United States Senate; and
- (2) "user" means any Senator, Officer of the Senate, Committee, office, or entity provided telephone equipment and services by the Sergeant at Arms.

REGULATIONS; CERTIFICATION

2 USC 58a-2.

SEC. 2. (a) Subject to such regulations as may hereafter be issued by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms shall have the authority, with respect to telephone equipment and services provided to any user on a reimbursable basis (including repair or replacement), solely for the purposes of this section, to make such certification as may be necessary to establish such services and equipment as official, issue invoices in conjunction therewith, and receive payment for such services and equipment by certification, voucher, or otherwise.

(b) For purposes of this Act, telephone equipment and services provided to any user for which payment, prior to the effective date of this Act, was not authorized from the contingent fund of the Senate shall, on and after such effective date, be considered telephone equipment and services provided on a reimbursable basis for which payment may be obtained from such fund in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Subject to the approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration, the Sergeant at Arms may establish reasonable charges for telephone equipment and services provided to any user which may be in addition to that regularly authorized by the Committee.

(d) All moneys, derived from payments for telephone equipment and services provided from funds from the Appropriation Account within the contingent fund of the Senate for "Contingent Expenses, Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate" under the line item for Telecommunications (including receipts from carriers and others for loss or damage to such services or equipment for which repair or replacement has been provided by the Sergeant at Arms), shall be deposited in and made a part of such Appropriation Account and under such line item, and shall be available for expenditure or obligation, or both, in like manner and subject to the same

limitations as any other moneys in such account and under such line item.

(e) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as limiting or otherwise affecting the authority of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate to classify or reclassify telephone equipment and services provided to any user as equipment or services for which reimbursement may or may not be required.

#### REPORT

SEC. 3. The Sergeant at Arms shall report to the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, at such time or times, and in such form and manner, as the Committee may direct, on expenditures made, and revenues received, pursuant to this Act. It shall be the function of the Sergeant at Arms to advise the Committee, as soon as possible, of any dispute regarding payments to and from such Appropriation Account as related to the line item for Telecommunications, including any amounts due and unpaid by any user, if any such dispute has remained unresolved for a period of at least 60 days.

2 USC 58a-3.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect on October 1, 1987.

2 USC 58a-1  
note.

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#### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 1532:

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