

114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4093

To revise certain administrative and management authorities of the Librarian of Congress, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To revise certain administrative and management authorities of the Librarian of Congress, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Library of Congress
5 Administrative Reform Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZING NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE FOR**
2 **THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED**
3 **TO PROVIDE PLAYBACK EQUIPMENT IN ALL**
4 **FORMATS.**

5 The first sentence of the Act entitled “An Act to pro-
6 vide books for the adult blind”, approved March 3, 1931
7 (2 U.S.C. 135a), is amended by striking “and for pur-
8 chase, maintenance, and replacement of reproducers for
9 such sound-reproduction recordings” and inserting “and
10 for purchase, maintenance, and replacement of repro-
11 ducers for any such forms”.

12 **SEC. 3. LIBRARY OF CONGRESS NATIONAL COLLECTION**
13 **STEWARDSHIP FUND.**

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established in
15 the Treasury of the United States, as an account for the
16 Librarian of Congress, the “Library of Congress National
17 Collection Stewardship Fund” (hereafter in this section
18 referred to as the “Fund”).

19 (b) CONTENTS OF FUND.—The Fund shall consist of
20 the following amounts:

21 (1) Such amounts as may be transferred by the
22 Librarian from amounts appropriated for any fiscal
23 year for the Library of Congress under the heading
24 “Salaries and Expenses”.

25 (2) Such amounts as may be transferred by the
26 Architect of the Capitol from amounts appropriated

1 for any fiscal year for the Architect of the Capitol
2 under the heading “Library of Congress Buildings
3 and Grounds”.

4 (3) Such amounts as may be appropriated to
5 the Fund under law.

6 (c) USE OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts in the Fund may
7 be used by the Librarian as follows:

8 (1) The Librarian may use amounts directly for
9 the purpose of preparing collection materials of the
10 Library of Congress for long-term storage.

11 (2) The Librarian may transfer amounts to the
12 Architect of the Capitol for the purpose of designing,
13 constructing, altering, upgrading, and equipping col-
14 lections preservation and storage facilities for the Li-
15 brary of Congress, or for the purpose of acquiring
16 real property by lease for the preservation and stor-
17 age of Library of Congress collections in accordance
18 with section 1102 of the Legislative Branch Appro-
19 priations Act, 2009 (2 U.S.C. 1823a).

20 (d) CONTINUING AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Any
21 amounts in the Fund shall remain available until ex-
22 pended.

23 (e) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
24 the end of each fiscal year, the Librarian and the Architect
25 of the Capitol shall submit a joint report on the Fund to

1 the Joint Committee on the Library and the Committees
2 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the
3 Senate.

4 (f) INITIAL 5-YEAR PLAN.—Not later than 6 months
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Librarian
6 shall submit to the Joint Committee on the Library and
7 the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives and the Senate a report providing a plan for
9 expenditures from the Fund for the first 5 fiscal years
10 of the Fund’s operation.

11 **SEC. 4. EXPANDING USES OF CERTAIN REVOLVING FUNDS.**

12 (a) NATIONAL AUDIOVISUAL CONSERVATION CEN-
13 TER FUND.—Section 101 of the Library of Congress Fis-
14 cal Operations Improvement Act of 2000 (2 U.S.C. 182a)
15 is amended—

16 (1) in the heading, by striking “**DUPLICA-**
17 **TION**”; and

18 (2) in subsection (a)—

19 (A) by striking “duplication and delivery
20 services provided by the Librarian” and insert-
21 ing “the following programs and activities of
22 the Librarian”;

23 (B) by striking the period at the end and
24 inserting a colon; and

1 (C) by adding at the end the following new
2 paragraphs:

3 “(1) Services related to the duplication and
4 preservation of audiovisual materials and associated
5 collections.

6 “(2) Storage, inspection, and delivery of audio-
7 visual materials and associated collections.”.

8 (b) REVOLVING FUND FOR GIFT SHOP AND RE-
9 LATED SERVICES.—Section 102 of such Act (2 U.S.C.
10 182b) is amended—

11 (1) in the heading, by striking “**GIFT SHOP**”
12 and all that follows and inserting “**SALES AND**
13 **OTHER SERVICES**”; and

14 (2) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
15 following new paragraphs:

16 “(5) Traveling exhibitions and exhibition mate-
17 rials.

18 “(6) Training.”.

19 (c) INCLUSION OF TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS IN
20 FEDLINK PROGRAM.—Section 103(f)(1) of such Act (2
21 U.S.C. 182c(f)(1)) is amended by inserting after “Federal
22 Government,” the following: “tribal governments (as de-
23 fined in section 502(c)(3)(B) of title 40, United States
24 Code),”.

1 **SEC. 5. AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT GIFTS AND BEQUESTS.**

2 (a) EXPANDING TYPES OF GIFTS THAT MAY BE AC-
3 CEPTED.—The first undesignated paragraph of section 4
4 of the Act entitled “An Act to create a Library of Con-
5 gress Trust Fund Board, and for other purposes”, ap-
6 proved March 3, 1925 (2 U.S.C. 160), is amended—

7 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “in the
8 name of the United States” and all that follows and
9 inserting the following: “in the name of the United
10 States and in the interest of the Library, its collec-
11 tions, or its service gifts or bequests of personal
12 property, nonpersonal services, voluntary and un-
13 compensated personal services, or money for imme-
14 diate disbursement.”;

15 (2) in the second sentence, by inserting “of
16 money” after “bequests”; and

17 (3) in the third sentence, by striking “enter
18 them” and inserting “enter the gift, bequest, or pro-
19 ceeds”.

20 (b) TREATMENT OF GIFTS OF SECURITIES.—The
21 first undesignated paragraph of section 4 of such Act (2
22 U.S.C. 160) is amended by inserting after the first sen-
23 tence the following new sentence: “In the case of a gift
24 of securities, the Librarian shall sell the gift and provide
25 the donor with a receipt from the proceeds of the sale.”.

1 **SEC. 6. CONTINUATION OF SERVICE OF RETURNING MEM-**
2 **BERS OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LI-**
3 **BRARY AT BEGINNING OF CONGRESS.**

4 (a) CONTINUATION OF SERVICE.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—During the period beginning
6 on the first day of a Congress and ending on the
7 date described in paragraph (2), any Member of
8 Congress who served as a member of the Joint Com-
9 mittee on the Library during the previous Congress
10 shall continue to serve as a member of the Joint
11 Committee.

12 (2) DATE DESCRIBED.—The date described in
13 this paragraph is, with respect to a Congress—

14 (A) in the case of a Member of Congress
15 who is a Member of the House of Representa-
16 tives, the date on which Members of the House
17 are appointed to serve on the Joint Committee
18 for the Congress; and

19 (B) in the case of a Member of Congress
20 who is a Senator, the date on which Senators
21 are appointed to serve on the Joint Committee
22 for the Congress.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The final undesig-
24 nated paragraph under the heading “Senate.” in section
25 2 of the Act of March 3, 1883 (chapter 141; 22 Stat. 592)
26 (2 U.S.C. 133), is hereby repealed.

1 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This section and the amend-
2 ment made by this section shall apply with respect to the
3 One Hundred Fifteenth Congress and each succeeding
4 Congress.

5 **SEC. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

6 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
7 apply with respect to fiscal year 2016 and each succeeding
8 fiscal year.

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