

Public Law 95-570
95th Congress

An Act

To clarify the authority for employment of personnel in the White House Office and the Executive Residence at the White House, to clarify the authority for employment of personnel by the President to meet unanticipated needs, and for other purposes.

Nov. 2, 1978

[H.R. 11003]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) sections 105 and 106 of title 3, United States Code, are amended to read as follows:

White House
Office and
Executive
Residence.
Personnel
employment,
authority
clarification.
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“ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES FOR THE PRESIDENT

“SEC. 105. (a) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, the President is authorized to appoint and fix the pay of employees in the White House Office without regard to any other provision of law regulating the employment or compensation of persons in the Government service. Employees so appointed shall perform such official duties as the President may prescribe.

“(2) The President may, under paragraph (1) of this subsection, appoint and fix the pay of not more than—

“(A) 25 employees at rates not to exceed the rate of basic pay then currently paid for level II of the Executive Schedule of section 5313 of title 5; and in addition

“(B) 25 employees at rates not to exceed the rate of basic pay then currently paid for level III of the Executive Schedule of section 5314 of title 5; and in addition

“(C) 50 employees at rates not to exceed the maximum rate of basic pay then currently paid for GS-18 of the General Schedule of section 5332 of title 5; and in addition

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“(D) such number of other employees as he may determine to be appropriate at rates not to exceed the minimum rate of basic pay then currently paid for GS-16 of the General Schedule of section 5332 of title 5.

“(b) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, the President is authorized to appoint and fix the pay of employees in the Executive Residence at the White House without regard to any other provision of law regulating the employment or compensation of persons in the Government service. Employees so appointed shall perform such official duties as the President may prescribe.

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“(2) The President may, under paragraph (1) of this subsection, appoint and fix the pay of not more than—

“(A) 3 employees at rates not to exceed the maximum rate of basic pay then currently paid for GS-18 of the General Schedule of section 5332 of title 5; and in addition

“(B) such number of other employees as he may determine to be appropriate at rates not to exceed the minimum rate of basic pay then currently paid for GS-16 of the General Schedule of section 5332 of title 5.

“(c) The President is authorized to procure for the White House Office and the Executive Residence at the White House, as provided in appropriation Acts, temporary or intermittent services of experts

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and consultants, as described in and in accordance with the first two sentences of section 3109(b) of title 5—

“(1) in the case of the White House Office, at respective daily rates of pay for individuals which are not more than the daily equivalent of the rate of basic pay then currently paid for level II of the Executive Schedule of section 5313 of title 5; and

“(2) in the case of the Executive Residence, at respective daily rates of pay for individuals which are not more than the daily equivalent of the maximum rate of basic pay then currently paid for GS-18 of the General Schedule of section 5332 of title 5.

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Notwithstanding such section 3109(b), temporary services of any expert or consultant described in such section 3109(b) may be procured for a period in excess of one year if the President determines such procurement is necessary.

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“(d) There are authorized to be appropriated each fiscal year to the President such sums as may be necessary for—

“(1) the care, maintenance, repair, alteration, refurnishing, improvement, air-conditioning, heating, and lighting (including electric power and fixtures) of the Executive Residence at the White House;

“(2) the official expenses of the White House Office;

“(3) the official entertainment expenses of the President;

“(4) the official entertainment expenses for allocation within the Executive Office of the President; and

“(5) the subsistence expenses of persons in the Government service while traveling on official business in connection with the travel of the President.

Sums appropriated under this subsection for expenses described in paragraphs (1), (3), and (5) may be expended as the President may determine, notwithstanding the provisions of any other law. Such sums shall be accounted for solely on the certificate of the President, except that, with respect to such expenses, the Comptroller General may inspect all necessary books, documents, papers, and records relating to any such expenditures solely for the purpose of verifying that all such expenditures related to expenses in paragraph (1), (3), or (5). The Comptroller General shall certify to Congress the fact of such verification, and shall report any such expenses not expended for such purpose.

Certification and
report to
Congress.

“(e) Assistance and services authorized pursuant to this section to the President are authorized to be provided to the spouse of the President in connection with assistance provided by such spouse to the President in the discharge of the President's duties and responsibilities. If the President does not have a spouse, such assistance and services may be provided for such purposes to a member of the President's family whom the President designates.

“ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

“SEC. 106. (a) In order to enable the Vice President to provide assistance to the President in connection with the performance of functions specially assigned to the Vice President by the President in the discharge of executive duties and responsibilities, the Vice President is authorized—

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“(1) without regard to any other provision of law regulating the employment or compensation of persons in the Government service, to appoint and fix the pay of not more than—

"(A) 5 employees at rates not to exceed the rate of basic pay then currently paid for level II of the Executive Schedule of section 5313 of title 5; and in addition

"(B) 3 employees at rates not to exceed the rate of basic pay then currently paid for level III of the Executive Schedule of section 5314 of title 5; and in addition

"(C) 3 employees at rates not to exceed the maximum rate of basic pay then currently paid for GS-18 of the General Schedule of section 5332 of title 5; and in addition

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"(D) such number of other employees as he may determine to be appropriate at rates not to exceed the minimum rate of basic pay then currently paid for GS-16 of the General Schedule of section 5332 of title 5; and

"(2) to procure, as provided in appropriation Acts, temporary or intermittent services of experts and consultants, as described in and in accordance with the first two sentences of section 3109(b) of title 5, at respective daily rates of pay for individuals which are not more than the daily equivalent of the rate of basic pay then currently paid for level II of the Executive Schedule of section 5313 of title 5.

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Notwithstanding such section 3109(b), temporary services of any expert or consultant described in such section 3109(b) may be procured under paragraph (2) of this subsection for a period in excess of one year if the Vice President determines such procurement is necessary.

"(b) In order to carry out the executive duties and responsibilities referred to in subsection (a), there are authorized to be appropriated each fiscal year to the Vice President such sums as may be necessary for—

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"(1) the official expenses of the Office of the Vice President;

"(2) the official entertainment expenses of the Vice President;
and

"(3) the subsistence expenses of persons in the Government service while traveling on official business in connection with the travel of the Vice President.

Sums appropriated under this subsection for expenses described in paragraphs (2) and (3) may be expended as the Vice President may determine, notwithstanding the provisions of any other law. Such sums shall be accounted for solely on the certificate of the Vice President, except that, with respect to such expenses, the Comptroller General may inspect all necessary books, documents, papers, and records relating to any such expenditures solely for the purpose of verifying that all such expenditures related to expenses in paragraph (2) or (3). The Comptroller General shall certify to Congress the fact of such verification, and shall report any such expenses not expended for such purpose.

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"(c) Assistance and services authorized pursuant to this section to the Vice President are authorized to be provided to the spouse of the Vice President in connection with assistance provided by such spouse to the Vice President in the discharge of the Vice President's executive duties and responsibilities. If the Vice President does not have a spouse, such assistance and services may be provided for such purposes to a member of the Vice President's family whom the Vice President designates."

(b) The items relating to sections 105 and 106 in the table of sections at the beginning of chapter 2 of title 3, United States Code, are amended to read as follows:

3 USC 101.

"105. Assistance and services for the President.

"106. Assistance and services for the Vice President."

3 USC 101.

SEC. 2. (a) Chapter 2 of title 3, United States Code, is amended by striking out section 107 and inserting in lieu thereof the following new sections:

"DOMESTIC POLICY STAFF AND OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION; PERSONNEL

"SEC. 107. (a) In order to enable the Domestic Policy Staff to perform its functions, the President (or his designee) is authorized—

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"(1) without regard to any other provision of law regulating the employment or compensation of persons in the Government service, to appoint and fix the pay of not more than—

"(A) 6 employees at rates not to exceed the rate of basic pay then currently paid for level III of the Executive Schedule of section 5314 of title 5; and in addition

"(B) 18 employees at rates not to exceed the maximum rate of basic pay then currently paid for GS-18 of the General Schedule of section 5332 of title 5; and in addition

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"(C) such number of other employees as he may determine to be appropriate at rates not to exceed the minimum rate of basic pay then currently paid for GS-16 of the General Schedule of section 5332 of title 5; and

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"(2) to procure, as provided in appropriation Acts, temporary or intermittent services of experts and consultants, as described in and in accordance with the first two sentences of section 3109 (b) of title 5, at respective daily rates of pay for individuals which are not more than the daily equivalent of the rate of basic pay then currently paid for level III of the Executive Schedule of section 5314 of title 5.

"(b) (1) In order to enable the Office of Administration to perform its functions, the President (or his designee) is authorized—

Appointment.

"(A) without regard to such other provisions of law as the President may specify which regulate the employment and compensation of persons in the Government service, to appoint and fix the pay of not more than—

"(i) 5 employees at rates not to exceed the rate of basic pay then currently paid for level III of the Executive Schedule of section 5314 of title 5; and in addition

"(ii) 5 employees at rates not to exceed the maximum rate of basic pay then currently paid for GS-18 of the General Schedule of section 5332 of title 5; and

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"(B) to procure, as provided in appropriation Acts, temporary or intermittent services of experts and consultants, as described in and in accordance with the first two sentences of section 3109 (b) of title 5, at respective daily rates of pay for individuals which are not more than the daily equivalent of the maximum rate of basic pay then currently paid for GS-18 of the General Schedule of section 5332 of title 5.

"(2) In addition to any authority granted under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the President (or his designee) is authorized to employ individuals in the Office of Administration in accordance with section 3101 of title 5 and provisions relating thereto. Any individual so employed under the authority granted under such section 3101 shall be subject to the limitation specified in section 114 of this title.

“(c) There are authorized to be appropriated each fiscal year such sums as may be necessary for the official expenses of the Domestic Policy Staff and the Office of Administration. Appropriation authorization.

“ASSISTANCE TO THE PRESIDENT FOR UNANTICIPATED NEEDS

“SEC. 108. (a) There is authorized to be appropriated to the President an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 each fiscal year to enable the President, in his discretion, to meet unanticipated needs for the furtherance of the national interest, security, or defense, including personnel needs and needs for services described in section 3109(b) of title 5, and administrative expenses related thereto, without regard to any provision of law regulating the employment or compensation of persons in the Government service or regulating expenditures of Government funds. Appropriation authorization.
3 USC 108.

“(b) The President shall transmit a report to each House of the Congress for each fiscal year beginning on or after the effective date of this subsection which sets forth the purposes for which expenditures were made under this section for such fiscal year and the amount expended for each such purpose. Each such report shall be transmitted no later than 60 days after the close of the fiscal year covered by such report. Report, transmittal to Congress.

“(c) An individual may not be paid under the authority of this section at a rate of pay in excess of the rate of basic pay then currently paid for level II of the Executive Schedule of section 5313 of title 5.”

(b) The items relating to sections 107 and 108 in the table of sections at the beginning of chapter 2 of title 3, United States Code, are amended to read as follows: 3 USC 101.

“107. Domestic Policy Staff and Office of Administration; personnel.

“108. Assistance to the President for unanticipated needs.”

SEC. 3. (a) Chapter 2 of title 3, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sections:

“DETAIL OF EMPLOYEES OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS

“SEC. 112. The head of any department, agency, or independent establishment of the executive branch of the Government may detail, from time to time, employees of such department, agency, or establishment to the White House Office, the Executive Residence at the White House, the Office of the Vice President, the Domestic Policy Staff, and the Office of Administration. Any such office to which an employee has been detailed for service to such office shall reimburse the detailing department, agency, or establishment for the pay of each employee thereof— 3 USC 112.

“(1) who is so detailed, and

“(2) who is performing services which have been or would otherwise be performed by an employee of such office, for any period occurring during any fiscal year after 180 calendar days after the employee is detailed in such year. Reimbursement.

“PERSONNEL REPORT

“SEC. 113. (a) The President shall transmit to each House of the Congress, and make available to the public, reports containing information described in subsection (b) for each fiscal year beginning on Report, transmittal to Congress.
3 USC 113.

or after the effective date of this section. Each such report shall be transmitted no later than 60 days after the close of the fiscal year covered by such report and shall contain a statement of such information for such year.

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“(b) Each report required under subsection (a) shall contain—

“(1) the number of employees who are paid at a rate of basic pay equal to or greater than the rate of basic pay then currently paid for level V of the Executive Schedule of section 5316 of title 5 and who are employed in the White House Office, the Executive Residence at the White House, the Office of the Vice President, the Domestic Policy Staff, or the Office of Administration, and the aggregate amount paid to such employees;

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“(2) the number of employees employed in such offices who are paid at a rate of basic pay which is equal to or greater than the minimum rate of basic pay then currently paid for GS-16 of the General Schedule of section 5332 of title 5 but which is less than the rate then currently paid for level V of the Executive Schedule of section 5316 of title V and the aggregate amount paid to such employees;

“(3) the number of employees employed in such offices who are paid at a rate of basic pay which is less than the minimum rate then currently paid for GS-16 of the General Schedule of section 5332 of title V, and the aggregate amount paid to such employees;

“(4) the number of individuals detailed under section 112 of this title for more than 30 days to each such office, the number of days in excess of 30 each individual was detailed, and the aggregate amount of reimbursement made as provided by the provisions of section 112 of this title; and

“(5) the number of individuals whose services as experts or consultants are procured under this chapter for service in any such office, the total number of days employed, and the aggregate amount paid to procure such services.

The information required under this subsection to be in any report shall be shown both in the aggregate and by office involved.

“GENERAL PAY LIMITATION

3 USC 114.

“SEC. 114. Notwithstanding any provision of law, other than the provisions of this chapter, no employee of the White House Office, the Executive Residence at the White House, the Domestic Policy Staff, or the Office of Administration, nor any employee under the Vice President appointed under section 106 of this title, may be paid at a rate of basic pay in excess of the minimum rate of basic pay then currently paid for GS-16 of the General Schedule of section 5332 of title 5.”

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note.
3 USC 101.

(b) The table of sections for chapter 2 of title 3, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new items:

“112. Detail of employees of executive departments.

“113. Personnel report.

“114. General pay limitation.”.

SEC. 4. Section 103 of title 3, United States Code, relating to travel expenses of the President, is amended by striking out “\$40,000” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$100,000”.

SEC. 5. (a) Section 102 of title 3, United States Code, is amended by striking out “Executive Mansion” and inserting in lieu thereof “Executive Residence at the White House”.

(b) (1) Section 109 of title 3, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by striking out from the section caption "EXECUTIVE MANSION" and inserting in lieu thereof "THE EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE", and

(B) by striking out from the text "Executive Mansion" each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "Executive Residence at the White House".

(2) The item relating to section 109 in the table of sections for chapter 2 of such title 3 is amended by striking out "Executive Mansion" and inserting in lieu thereof "the Executive Residence at the White House".

(c) (1) Section 110 of title 3, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by inserting in the section caption, immediately before "WHITE HOUSE" the following: "THE EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE AT THE";

(B) by striking out "President's House" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Executive Residence at the White House"; and

(C) by striking out "White House" each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "Executive Residence at the White House".

(2) The item relating to section 110 in the table of sections for chapter 2 of such title is amended by inserting immediately before "White House" the following: "the Executive Residence at the".

(d) Section 202 of such title is amended by striking out "Executive Mansion and grounds" and inserting in lieu thereof "White House". 3 USC 202.

SEC. 6. (a) The amendments made by this Act shall apply to any fiscal year which begins on or after October 1, 1978. 3 USC 102 note.

(b) In the case of an individual— 3 USC 107 note.

(1) who is an employee of the Office of Administration as of the date of the enactment of this Act, and

(2) whose position would be terminated or whose rate of basic pay would be reduced (but for this subsection) by reason of section 107(b) of title 3, United States Code (as amended by this Act), such employee may be allowed to continue to hold such position and receive basic pay at the rate in effect on the effective date of this Act during the period which begins on such date and ends 2 years after such date so long as such employee continues as an employee of the Office of Administration.

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