

**§ 1816b. Architect of the Capitol, authority for personal services contracts with legal entities**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Architect of the Capitol is authorized to contract for personal services with any firm, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity in the same manner as he is authorized to contract for personal services with individuals under the provisions of section 6101 of title 41.

(Pub. L. 96-558, Dec. 19, 1980, 94 Stat. 3263.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

In text, “section 6101 of title 41” substituted for “section 3709 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (41 U.S.C. 5)” on authority of Pub. L. 111-350, §6(c), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3854, which Act enacted Title 41, Public Contracts.

Section was classified to section 6a-2 of former Title 41, prior to the enactment of Title 41, Public Contracts, by Pub. L. 111-350, §3, Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3677.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS UNDER SERVICE CONTRACTS DURING THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY**

Pub. L. 116-136, div. B, title IX, §19005, Mar. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 578, as amended by Pub. L. 116-159, div. A, §159(3), Oct. 1, 2020, 134 Stat. 722, provided that:

“(a) **AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS.**—Notwithstanding section 3324(a) of title 31, United States Code, or any other provision of law and subject to subsection (b), if the employees of a contractor with a service contract with the Architect of the Capitol are furloughed or otherwise unable to work during closures, stop work orders, or reductions in service arising from or related to the impacts of coronavirus, the Architect of the Capitol may continue to make the payments provided for under the contract for the weekly salaries and benefits of such employees until the termination of the public health emergency declared pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

“(b) **AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—The authority of the Architect of the Capitol to make payments under the authority of subsection (a) is subject to the availability of appropriations to make such payments.

“(c) **REGULATIONS.**—The Architect of the Capitol shall promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this section.”

[For definition of “coronavirus” as used in section 19005 of Pub. L. 116-136, set out above, see section 23005 of Pub. L. 116-136, set out as a note under section 162b of this title.]

**§ 1817. Transfer of discontinued apparatus to other branches**

The Architect of the Capitol may transfer apparatus, appliances, equipments, and supplies of any kind, discontinued or permanently out of service, to other branches of the service of the United States, or District of Columbia, whenever, in his judgment the interests of the Government service may require it.

(June 26, 1912, ch. 182, §11, 37 Stat. 184; Mar. 3, 1921, ch. 124, 41 Stat. 1291; May 29, 1928, ch. 901, §1(120), 45 Stat. 995; Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 654, §3(17), 65 Stat. 708.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section was classified to section 171 of former Title 40, prior to the enactment of Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, by Pub. L. 107-217, §1, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1062.

Section is based on section 11 of act June 26, 1912, popularly known as the “District of Columbia Appropriation Act June 26, 1912, fiscal year 1913”.

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

Act Mar. 2, 1911, ch. 192, §9, 36 Stat. 1011.

**AMENDMENTS**

1951—Act Oct. 31, 1951, struck out “with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior,” after “whenever,”.

1928—Act May 29, 1928, struck out provision that required a transfer statement to be submitted in the annual report to Congress by the Superintendent of the Capitol Building and Grounds.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**CHANGE OF NAME**

Change of name of Architect of the Capitol, functions abolished, transferred, etc., by prior acts, see Prior Provisions and Change of Name notes set out under former section 1801 of this title.

**§ 1817a. Disposition of surplus or obsolete personal property**

**(a) In general**

The Architect of the Capitol shall have the authority, within the limits of available appropriations, to dispose of surplus or obsolete personal property by inter-agency transfer, donation, sale, trade-in, or discarding. Amounts received for the sale or trade-in of personal property shall be credited to funds available for the operations of the Architect of the Capitol and be available for the costs of acquiring the same or similar property. Such funds shall be available for such purposes during the fiscal year received and the following fiscal year.

**(b) Effective date**

This section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2010, and each fiscal year thereafter.

(Pub. L. 111-68, div. A, title I, §1301, Oct. 1, 2009, 123 Stat. 2034.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2010, which is div. A of Pub. L. 111-68.

**§ 1818. Rental or lease of storage space**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Architect of the Capitol, with the approval of the House Office Building Commission and Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, is authorized to secure, through rental, lease, or other appropriate agreement, storage space in areas within the District of Columbia and its environs beyond the boundaries of the United States Capitol Grounds for use of the United States Senate, the United States House of Representatives, and the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, under such terms and conditions as such Commission and committee may authorize,

and to incur any necessary incidental expenses in connection therewith.

(Pub. L. 93-180, §1, Dec. 13, 1973, 87 Stat. 704.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Section was classified to section 166d of former Title 40, prior to the enactment of Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, by Pub. L. 107-217, §1, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1062.

### § 1819. Computer backup facilities for legislative offices

#### (a) Acquisition of buildings and facilities

The Architect of the Capitol is authorized, subject to the availability of appropriations, to acquire (through purchase, lease, or otherwise) buildings and facilities for use as computer backup facilities (and related uses) for offices in the legislative branch.

#### (b) Acquisition subject to approval

The acquisition of a building or facility under subsection (a) shall be subject to the approval of—

(1) the House Office Building Commission, in the case of a building or facility acquired for the use of an office of the House of Representatives;

(2) the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, in the case of a building or facility acquired for the use of an office of the Senate; or

(3) the House Office Building Commission in the case of a building or facility acquired for the use of any other office in the legislative branch as part of a joint facility with (1) above, or the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, in the case of a building or facility acquired for the use of any other office in the legislative branch as part of a joint facility with (2) above.

#### (c) United States Capitol grounds provisions applicable

Any building or facility acquired by the Architect of the Capitol pursuant to subsection (a) shall be a part of the United States Capitol Grounds and shall be subject to the provisions of sections 1922, 1961, 1966, 1967, and 1969 of this title and sections 5101 to 5107 and 5109 of title 40.

#### (d) Lease of buildings and facilities

In the case of a building or facility acquired through purchase pursuant to subsection (a), the Architect of the Capitol may enter into or assume a lease with another person for the use of any portion of the building or facility that the Architect of the Capitol determines is not required to be used to carry out the purposes of this section, subject to the approval of the entity which approved the acquisition of such building or facility under subsection (b).

#### (e) Effective date

This section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2002 and each succeeding fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 107-206, title I, §905, Aug. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 877; Pub. L. 109-55, title I, §1202(a), Aug. 2, 2005, 119 Stat. 579.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Sections 1922, 1961, 1966, 1967, and 1969 of this title and sections 5101 to 5107 and 5109 of title 40, referred to in subsec. (c), was in the original a reference to the Act entitled “An Act to define the area of the United States Capitol Grounds, to regulate the use thereof, and for other purposes”, approved July 31, 1946, which is act July 31, 1946, ch. 707, 60 Stat. 718. Sections 9, 9A, 9B, 9C, and 14 of the Act are classified, respectively, to sections 1961, 1966, 1967, 1922, and 1969 of this title, and section 16(b) of the Act is set out as a note under section 1961 of this title. Sections 1 to 8, 10 to 13, and 16(a) of the Act, which were classified to sections 193a to 193m of former Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, were repealed and reenacted as sections 5101 to 5107 and 5109 of Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, by Pub. L. 107-217, §§1, 6(b), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1062, 1312, the first section of which enacted Title 40. Section 5(c) of Pub. L. 107-217, set out as a note preceding section 101 of Title 40, provides that a reference to a law replaced by section 1 of Pub. L. 107-217 is deemed to refer to the corresponding provision enacted by Pub. L. 107-217. For complete classification of the act of July 31, 1946, to the Code, see Tables. For disposition of sections of former Title 40, see table at the beginning of Title 40.

##### CODIFICATION

Section was classified to section 166k of former Title 40, prior to the enactment of Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, by Pub. L. 107-217, §1, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1062.

##### AMENDMENTS

2005—Subsecs. (d), (e). Pub. L. 109-55 added subsec. (d) and redesignated former subsec. (d) as (e).

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2005 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-55, title I, §1202(b), Aug. 2, 2005, 119 Stat. 579, provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to leases entered into on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 2, 2005].”

### § 1820. Acquisition of real property for Capitol Police

#### (a) Authority for acquisition

Subject to the approval of the House Office Building Commission and the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, the Architect of the Capitol is authorized to acquire (through purchase, lease, transfer from another Federal entity, or otherwise) real property, subject to the availability of appropriations and upon approval of an obligation plan by the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate, for the use of the United States Capitol Police.

#### (b) United States Capitol grounds provisions applicable

Any real property acquired by the Architect of the Capitol pursuant to subsection (a) shall be a part of the United States Capitol Grounds and shall be subject to the provisions of sections 1922, 1961, 1966, 1967, and 1969 of this title and sections 5101 to 5107 and 5109 of title 40.

#### (c) Effective date

This section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2002 and each succeeding fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 107-206, title I, §907, Aug. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 877.)