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# H. R. 6028

To modify the appointment and removal process for certain legislative branch officers, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRIFFITH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Oversight and Government Reform, 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

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## A BILL

To modify the appointment and removal process for certain legislative branch officers, 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 “Legislative Branch  
5 Agencies Clarification Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Librarian of Congress Suc-  
3 cession Modernization Act of 2015 (Public Law 114–86;  
4 129 Stat. 675), is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating section 3 as section 5;

6 (2) by redesignating section 2 as section 3;

7 (3) by inserting after section 1 the following:

8 **“SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

9 “In this Act:

10 “(1) COMMISSION.—The term ‘commission’  
11 means a congressional commission consisting of the  
12 oversight committee leadership and the House and  
13 Senate leadership.

14 “(2) DEPUTY LIBRARIAN.—The term ‘Deputy  
15 Librarian’ means the Deputy Librarian of Congress.

16 “(3) HOUSE AND SENATE LEADERSHIP.—The  
17 term ‘House and Senate leadership’ means the  
18 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the major-  
19 ity leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the  
20 House of Representatives, and the minority leader of  
21 the Senate.

22 “(4) LIBRARIAN.—The term ‘Librarian’ means  
23 the Librarian of Congress.

24 “(5) OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP.—  
25 The term ‘oversight committee leadership’ means the  
26 chair and ranking minority member of the Com-

1 mittee on House Administration of the House of  
2 Representatives and the chairman and ranking mi-  
3 nority member of the Committee on Rules and Ad-  
4 ministration of the Senate.”; and

5 (4) in section 3, as so redesignated—

6 (A) by striking subsection (a) and insert-  
7 ing the following:

8 “(a) APPOINTMENT.—

9 “(1) COMMISSION.—The Librarian shall be ap-  
10 pointed by the commission in accordance with the  
11 procedures specified in paragraph (2), without re-  
12 gard to political affiliation, and solely on the basis  
13 of fitness to perform the duties of the office.

14 “(2) APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES.—

15 “(A) RECOMMENDATION OF 3 INDIVID-  
16 UALS.—If there is a vacancy in the position of  
17 Librarian, the oversight committee leadership  
18 shall jointly recommend 3 individuals for ap-  
19 pointment to the vacant office.

20 “(B) SELECTION BY LEADERS.—The Li-  
21 brarian shall be appointed from among the 3  
22 individuals recommended under subparagraph  
23 (A) upon a majority vote of the House and Sen-  
24 ate leadership.”;

1 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “of Con-  
2 gress”;

3 (C) in subsection (c), by striking “of Con-  
4 gress, by and with the advice and consent of the  
5 Senate,”; and

6 (D) by striking subsection (d) and insert-  
7 ing the following:

8 “(d) REMOVAL.—The Librarian may be removed  
9 from office at any time upon a majority vote of the House  
10 and Senate leadership.”.

11 (b) PAY.—Section 904 of the Supplemental Appro-  
12 priations Act, 1983 (2 U.S.C. 136a–2) is amended—

13 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “Notwith-  
14 standing”; and

15 (2) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(b) The Librarian of Congress shall not be consid-  
17 ered to serve under a political appointment for purposes  
18 of section 747 of the Financial Services and General Gov-  
19 ernment Appropriations Act, 2024 (division B of Public  
20 Law 118–47; 138 Stat. 585), or any other subsequently  
21 enacted similar provision of law.”.

22 **SEC. 3. DEPUTY LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS.**

23 The Librarian of Congress Succession Modernization  
24 Act of 2015 (Public Law 114–86; 129 Stat. 675), is

1 amended by inserting after section 3, as so redesignated,  
2 the following:

3 **“SEC. 4. DEPUTY LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS.**

4 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPUTY LIBRARIAN.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Librarian shall ap-  
6 point a suitable individual to be the Deputy Librar-  
7 ian of Congress.

8 “(2) DUTIES.—The Librarian may delegate to  
9 the Deputy Librarian such duties as the Librarian  
10 determines are necessary or appropriate.

11 “(b) DEADLINE.—The Librarian shall appoint a  
12 Deputy Librarian under subsection (a)(1) not later than  
13 120 days after—

14 “(1) the date on which the Librarian is ap-  
15 pointed under section 3, if there is no Deputy Li-  
16 brarian on the date of the appointment; or

17 “(2) the date on which a vacancy arises in the  
18 office of the Deputy Librarian.

19 “(c) FAILURE TO APPOINT.—If the Librarian does  
20 not appoint a Deputy Librarian on or before the applicable  
21 date specified in subsection (b)—

22 “(1) the oversight committee leadership shall  
23 jointly recommend an individual for appointment to  
24 the vacant office; and

1           “(2) upon a majority vote of the House and  
2           Senate leadership, the individual recommended  
3           under paragraph (1) shall be appointed as the Dep-  
4           uty Librarian.

5           “(d) NOTIFICATION.—If the position of Deputy Li-  
6           brarian becomes vacant, the Librarian shall immediately  
7           notify the members of the commission.

8           “(e) SERVICE AS ACTING LIBRARIAN.—

9           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Deputy Librarian shall  
10          act as Librarian if the Librarian is absent or dis-  
11          abled or there is no Librarian.

12          “(2) ABSENCE, DISABILITY, OR VACANCY IN OF-  
13          FICE OF DEPUTY LIBRARIAN.—

14          “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of para-  
15          graph (1), if the Deputy Librarian is also ab-  
16          sent or disabled or there is no Deputy Librar-  
17          ian—

18                  “(i) the oversight committee leader-  
19                  ship shall jointly recommend an individual  
20                  to be designated to serve as acting Librar-  
21                  ian; and

22                  “(ii) upon a majority vote of the  
23                  members of the House and Senate leader-  
24                  ship, the individual recommended under

1 clause (i) shall be designated to serve as  
2 acting Librarian.

3 “(B) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT.—An indi-  
4 vidual designated as acting Librarian under  
5 subparagraph (A) may serve until—

6 “(i) the end of the absence or dis-  
7 ability of the Librarian or the Deputy Li-  
8 brarian; or

9 “(ii) in the case of vacancies in both  
10 positions, a Librarian has been appointed  
11 under section 3.

12 “(3) AUTHORITY.—An officer serving as acting  
13 Librarian under paragraph (1) or (2) shall perform  
14 all the duties and exercise all the authorities of the  
15 Librarian, including the authority to delegate the  
16 duties and authorities of the Librarian.”.

17 **SEC. 4. DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OF-**  
18 **FICE.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 44, United  
20 States Code, is amended—

21 (1) by inserting before section 301 the fol-  
22 lowing:

23 **“§ 300. Definitions**

24 “In this chapter—

1           “(1) the term ‘commission’ means a congres-  
2           sional commission consisting of the oversight com-  
3           mittee leadership and the House and Senate leader-  
4           ship;

5           “(2) the term ‘House and Senate leadership’  
6           means the Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
7           the majority leader of the Senate, the minority lead-  
8           er of the House of Representatives, and the minority  
9           leader of the Senate; and

10           “(3) the term ‘oversight committee leadership’  
11           means the chair and ranking minority member of  
12           the Committee on House Administration of the  
13           House of Representatives and the chairman and  
14           ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules  
15           and Administration of the Senate.”; and

16           (2) in section 301—

17           (A) by striking subsection (a) and insert-  
18           ing the following:

19           “(a)(1) The Government Publishing Office shall be  
20           headed by a Director.

21           “(2)(A) The Director shall be appointed by the com-  
22           mission in accordance with the procedures specified in  
23           subparagraph (B), without regard to political affiliation,  
24           and solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties  
25           of the office.

1           “(B)(i) If there is a vacancy in the position of Direc-  
2 tor, the oversight committee leadership shall jointly rec-  
3 ommend 3 individuals for appointment to the vacant of-  
4 fice.

5           “(ii) The Director shall be appointed from among the  
6 3 individuals recommended under clause (i), upon a ma-  
7 jority vote of the House and Senate leadership.”;

8                         (B) in subsection (e), by striking “, by and  
9                         with the advice and consent of the Senate,”;  
10                        and

11                       (C) by adding at the end the following:

12           “(d) The Director may be removed from office at any  
13 time upon a majority vote of the members of the House  
14 and Senate leadership.”.

15           (b) PAY.—Section 303 of title 44, United States  
16 Code, is amended—

17                       (1) by inserting “(a)” before “The annual rate  
18                       of pay for the Director of the Government Pub-  
19                       lishing Office”; and

20                       (2) by adding at the end the following:

21           “(b) The Director of the Government Publishing Of-  
22 fice shall not be considered to serve under a political ap-  
23 pointment for purposes of section 747 of the Financial  
24 Services and General Government Appropriations Act,  
25 2024 (division B of Public Law 118–47; 138 Stat. 585),

1 or any other subsequently enacted similar provision of  
2 law.”.

3 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
4 tions for chapter 3 of title 44, United States Code, is  
5 amended by inserting before the item relating to section  
6 301 the following:

“300. Definitions.”.

7 **SEC. 5. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENT PUB-**  
8 **LISHING OFFICE.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 302 of title 44, United  
10 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

11 **“§ 302. Deputy Director of the Government Pub-**  
12 **lishing Office: appointment; duties**

13 “(a) In this section—

14 “(1) the term ‘Deputy Director’ means the  
15 Deputy Director of the Government Publishing Of-  
16 fice; and

17 “(2) the term ‘Director’ means the Director of  
18 the Government Publishing Office.

19 “(b)(1) The Director shall appoint a suitable person  
20 to be the Deputy Director.

21 “(2) The Deputy Director shall supervise the build-  
22 ings occupied by the Government Publishing Office and  
23 perform any other duties required by the Director.

24 “(c) The Director shall appoint a Deputy Director  
25 under subsection (b)(1) not later than 120 days after—

1           “(1) the date on which the Director is ap-  
2           pointed under section 301, if there is no Deputy Di-  
3           rector on the date of the appointment; or

4           “(2) the date on which a vacancy arises in the  
5           office of the Deputy Director.

6           “(d) If the Director does not appoint a Deputy Direc-  
7           tor on or before the applicable date specified in subsection  
8           (c)—

9           “(1) the oversight committee leadership shall  
10          jointly recommend an individual for appointment to  
11          the vacant office; and

12          “(2) upon a majority vote of the House and  
13          Senate leadership, the individual recommended  
14          under paragraph (1) shall be appointed as the Dep-  
15          uty Director.

16          “(e) If the position of Deputy Director becomes va-  
17          cant, the Director shall immediately notify the members  
18          of the commission.”.

19          (b) SERVICE AS ACTING DIRECTOR.—Section 304 of  
20          title 44, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-  
21          lows:

1 **“§ 304. Director of the Government Publishing Office:**  
2 **vacancy in office**

3 “(a) In this section, the terms ‘Deputy Director’ and  
4 ‘Director’ have the meanings given such terms in section  
5 302(a).

6 “(b) The Deputy Director shall act as Director if the  
7 Director is absent or disabled or there is no Director.

8 “(c)(1) For purposes of subsection (b), if the Deputy  
9 Director is also absent or disabled or there is no Deputy  
10 Director—

11 “(A) the oversight committee leadership shall  
12 jointly recommend an individual to be designated to  
13 serve as acting Director; and

14 “(B) upon a majority vote of the House and  
15 Senate leadership, the individual recommended  
16 under subparagraph (A) shall be designated as the  
17 acting Director.

18 “(2) An individual designated as acting Director  
19 under paragraph (1) may serve until—

20 “(A) the end of the absence or disability of the  
21 Director or the Deputy Director; or

22 “(B) in the case of vacancies in both positions,  
23 a Director has been appointed under section 301.

24 “(d) An officer serving as acting Director under sub-  
25 section (b) or (c) shall perform all the duties and exercise

1 all the authorities of the Director, including the authority  
2 to delegate the duties and authorities of the Director.”.

3 **SEC. 6. COPYRIGHT OFFICE.**

4 (a) REMOVING SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY OF LI-  
5 BRARY OF CONGRESS OVER COPYRIGHT OFFICE.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Title 17, United States  
7 Code, is amended—

8 (A) in chapter 1—

9 (i) in section 111(d)—

10 (I) in paragraph (2), in the sec-  
11 ond sentence, by striking “Librarian  
12 of Congress” and inserting “Register  
13 of Copyrights”; and

14 (II) in paragraph (4)—

15 (aa) in subparagraph (B), in  
16 the second sentence, by striking  
17 “Librarian of Congress” and in-  
18 serting “Register of Copyrights”;  
19 and

20 (bb) in subparagraph (C),  
21 by striking “Librarian of Con-  
22 gress” and inserting “Register of  
23 Copyrights”;

1 (ii) in section 112(e)(5), by striking  
2 “Librarian of Congress” and inserting  
3 “Register of Copyrights”;

4 (iii) in section 114(f)(2), by striking  
5 “Librarian of Congress” and inserting  
6 “Register of Copyrights”;

7 (iv) in section 115(d)—

8 (I) in paragraph (3)(A)(iv), by  
9 striking “, with the approval of the  
10 Librarian of Congress pursuant to  
11 section 702,”; and

12 (II) in paragraph (5)(A)(iv), by  
13 striking “, with the approval of the  
14 Librarian of Congress pursuant to  
15 section 702,”;

16 (v) in section 118(b)(2), by striking  
17 “Librarian of Congress” and inserting  
18 “Register of Copyrights”; and

19 (vi) in section 119(b)—

20 (I) in paragraph (3), in the sec-  
21 ond sentence, by striking “Librarian  
22 of Congress” and inserting “Register  
23 of Copyrights”; and

24 (II) in paragraph (5)—

1 (aa) in subparagraph (B), in  
2 the second sentence, by striking  
3 “Librarian of Congress” and in-  
4 serting “Register of Copyrights”;  
5 and

6 (bb) in subparagraph (C),  
7 by striking “Librarian of Con-  
8 gress” and inserting “Register of  
9 Copyrights”;

10 (B) in chapter 7—

11 (i) in section 701—

12 (I) in subsection (a)—

13 (aa) in the first sentence, by  
14 striking “of the Library of Con-  
15 gress”; and

16 (bb) by striking the second  
17 sentence and inserting the fol-  
18 lowing: “The Register of Copy-  
19 rights shall be appointed by the  
20 President, by and with the advice  
21 and consent of the Senate, but  
22 before the President makes such  
23 an appointment, the chair and  
24 ranking minority member of each  
25 of the Committee on the Judici-

1 ary of the House of Representa-  
2 tives and the Committee on the  
3 Judiciary of the Senate shall  
4 jointly recommend 3 individuals  
5 whom the President may consider  
6 in making the appointment. The  
7 subordinate officers and employ-  
8 ees of the Copyright Office shall  
9 be appointed by the Register of  
10 Copyrights.”;

11 (II) in subsection (d)—

12 (aa) in the first sentence, by  
13 striking “the Librarian of”; and

14 (bb) by striking the second  
15 sentence; and

16 (III) in subsection (f), by striking  
17 the second and third sentences and in-  
18 serting the following: “The Register of  
19 Copyrights shall establish not more  
20 than 4 positions for Associate Reg-  
21 isters of Copyrights and shall make  
22 appointments to those positions.”;

23 (ii) in section 702, by striking the sec-  
24 ond sentence; and

1 (iii) in section 704(d), by striking  
2 “joint discretion of the Register and the  
3 Librarian” and inserting “discretion of the  
4 Register, in consultation with the Librar-  
5 ian,”;

6 (C) in chapter 8—

7 (i) in section 801—

8 (I) in subsection (a)—

9 (aa) in the first sentence, by  
10 striking “Librarian of Congress”  
11 and inserting “Register of Copy-  
12 rights”; and

13 (bb) by striking the second  
14 sentence;

15 (II) in subsection (d), by striking  
16 “Librarian of Congress” and inserting  
17 “Register of Copyrights”; and

18 (III) in subsection (e)—

19 (aa) in the heading, by  
20 striking “LIBRARY OF CON-  
21 GRESS” and inserting “COPY-  
22 RIGHT OFFICE”; and

23 (bb) by striking “Library of  
24 Congress” and inserting “Copy-  
25 right Office”;

- 1 (ii) in section 802—
- 2 (I) in subsection (d)—
- 3 (aa) in paragraph (1), in the
- 4 first sentence, by striking “Li-
- 5 brarian of Congress” and insert-
- 6 ing “Register of Copyrights”;
- 7 and
- 8 (bb) in paragraph (2), by
- 9 striking “Librarian of Congress”
- 10 and inserting “Register of Copy-
- 11 rights”;
- 12 (II) in subsection (f)(2)—
- 13 (aa) in subparagraph (A),
- 14 by striking “Library of Con-
- 15 gress” and inserting “Copyright
- 16 Office”; and
- 17 (bb) in subparagraph (B),
- 18 by striking “Librarian of Con-
- 19 gress” and inserting “Register of
- 20 Copyrights”;
- 21 (III) in subsection (h), by strik-
- 22 ing “Librarian of Congress” and in-
- 23 serting “Register of Copyrights”; and
- 24 (IV) in subsection (i)—

1 (aa) by striking “Librarian  
2 of Congress” each place that  
3 term appears and inserting “Reg-  
4 ister of Copyrights”; and

5 (bb) in the third sentence,  
6 by striking “Librarian” and in-  
7 serting “Register of Copyrights”;  
8 and

9 (iii) in section 803—

10 (I) in subsection (a)(1), in the  
11 second sentence—

12 (aa) by striking “the Librar-  
13 ian of Congress” and inserting  
14 “the Register of Copyrights”;  
15 and

16 (bb) by striking “of the Li-  
17 brarian of Congress or” and in-  
18 serting “of”;

19 (II) in subsection (b)(6)(A), in  
20 the second sentence, by striking “Li-  
21 brarian of Congress” and inserting  
22 “Register of Copyrights”;

23 (III) in subsection (c)(6)—

24 (aa) by striking “Librarian  
25 of Congress” each place that

1 term appears and inserting “Reg-  
2 ister of Copyrights”; and

3 (bb) in the second sentence,  
4 by striking “Librarian” and in-  
5 serting “Register of Copyrights”;  
6 and

7 (IV) in subsection (e)(1)—

8 (aa) in the paragraph head-  
9 ing, by striking “LIBRARY OF  
10 CONGRESS AND”; and

11 (bb) in subparagraph (A)—

12 (AA) by striking “The  
13 Librarian of Congress” and  
14 inserting “The Register of  
15 Copyrights”; and

16 (BB) by striking “the  
17 Librarian of Congress, the  
18 Copyright Office, and” and  
19 inserting “the Copyright Of-  
20 fice and”;

21 (D) in section 1007—

22 (i) in subsection (b), in the third sen-  
23 tence, by striking “Librarian of Congress”  
24 and inserting “Register of Copyrights”;  
25 and

1 (ii) in subsection (c), in the third sen-  
2 tence, by striking “Librarian of Congress”  
3 and inserting “Register of Copyrights”;

4 (E) in section 1201(a)(1)—

5 (i) in subparagraph (C)—

6 (I) in the matter preceding clause

7 (i)—

8 (aa) in the first sentence, by  
9 striking “the Librarian of Con-  
10 gress, upon the recommendation  
11 of the Register of Copyrights,  
12 who shall consult with the Assist-  
13 ant Secretary for Communica-  
14 tions and Information of the De-  
15 partment of Commerce and re-  
16 port and comment on his or her  
17 views in making such rec-  
18 ommendation” and inserting “the  
19 Register of Copyrights, after con-  
20 sultation with the Assistant Sec-  
21 retary of Commerce for Commu-  
22 nications and Information”; and

23 (bb) in the second sentence,  
24 by striking “the Librarian” and

1 inserting “the Register of Copy-  
2 rights”; and  
3 (II) in clause (v), by striking  
4 “Librarian” and inserting “Register  
5 of Copyrights”; and  
6 (ii) in subparagraph (D), by striking  
7 “Librarian” each place that term appears  
8 and inserting “Register of Copyrights”;  
9 (F) in section 1331, by striking “of the Li-  
10 brary of Congress”; and  
11 (G) in chapter 15—  
12 (i) in section 1502(b)—  
13 (I) in paragraph (1)—  
14 (aa) in the first sentence, by  
15 striking “recommend” and in-  
16 serting “appoint”; and  
17 (bb) by striking the second  
18 sentence;  
19 (II) in paragraph (6)—  
20 (aa) in subparagraph (A)(i),  
21 by striking “the Librarian of  
22 Congress shall, upon the rec-  
23 ommendation of, and in consulta-  
24 tion with, the Register of Copy-

1 rights,” and inserting “the Reg-  
2 ister of Copyrights shall”; and

3 (bb) in subparagraph (B),  
4 by striking “the Librarian of  
5 Congress shall, upon rec-  
6 ommendation of, and in consulta-  
7 tion with, the Register of Copy-  
8 rights,” and inserting “the Reg-  
9 ister of Copyrights shall”; and

10 (III) in paragraph (7), by strik-  
11 ing “Librarian of Congress” and in-  
12 serting “Register of Copyrights”; and

13 (ii) in section 1503(b)(3), by striking  
14 “Library of Congress or”.

15 (2) AMENDMENTS TO OTHER LAWS.—

16 (A) COMPUTER SOFTWARE RENTAL  
17 AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1990.—Section 805(d) of  
18 the Computer Software Rental Amendments  
19 Act of 1990 (17 U.S.C. 205 note; Public Law  
20 101–650) is amended by striking the second  
21 sentence.

22 (B) UNLOCKING CONSUMER CHOICE AND  
23 WIRELESS COMPETITION ACT.—Section 2 of the  
24 Unlocking Consumer Choice and Wireless Com-

1 petition Act (17 U.S.C. 1201 note; Public Law  
2 113–144) is amended—

3 (i) in the heading, by striking “**BY LI-**  
4 **BRARIAN OF CONGRESS**”;

5 (ii) in subsection (a), by inserting  
6 after “United States Code,” the following:  
7 “(as in effect before the date of enactment  
8 of the Legislative Branch Agencies Clari-  
9 fication Act)”;

10 (iii) in subsection (c), by striking  
11 paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

12 “(2) as authorized by an exemption adopted  
13 by—

14 “(A) the Librarian of Congress pursuant  
15 to a determination made on or after the date of  
16 enactment of this Act and before the date of  
17 enactment of the Legislative Branch Agencies  
18 Clarification Act under section 1201(a)(1)(C) of  
19 title 17, United States Code; or

20 “(B) the Register of Copyrights pursuant  
21 to a determination made on or after the date of  
22 enactment of the Legislative Branch Agencies  
23 Clarification Act under section 1201(a)(1)(C) of  
24 title 17, United States Code,”; and

1 (iv) in subsection (d), by striking  
2 paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

3 “(2) LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS; REGISTER OF  
4 COPYRIGHTS.—Nothing in this Act alters, or shall be  
5 construed to alter, the authority of—

6 “(A) the Librarian of Congress under sec-  
7 tion 1201(a)(1) of title 17, United States Code,  
8 as in effect before the date of enactment of the  
9 Legislative Branch Agencies Clarification Act;  
10 or

11 “(B) the Register of Copyrights under sec-  
12 tion 1201(a)(1) of title 17, United States Code,  
13 as in effect on or after the date of enactment  
14 of the Legislative Branch Agencies Clarification  
15 Act.”.

16 (C) ACT OF JUNE 13, 1957.—The first sec-  
17 tion of the Act entitled “An Act to fix the re-  
18 sponsibilities of certifying officers and dis-  
19 bursing officer of the Library of Congress”, ap-  
20 proved June 13, 1957 (2 U.S.C. 142b), is  
21 amended by striking “, including the Copyright  
22 Office,”.

23 (b) REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS QUALIFICATIONS;  
24 TERM OF OFFICE.—Section 701(a) of title 17, as amend-  
25 ed by this section, is amended—

1           (1) by inserting before “shall be appointed by  
2           the President” the following: “shall be a citizen of  
3           the United States with a background and experience  
4           in copyright law, and”; and

5           (2) by inserting before “The subordinate offi-  
6           cers” the following: “The Register of Copyrights  
7           shall be appointed for a term of 10 years, but if the  
8           Register is appointed to fill a vacancy occurring  
9           prior to the expiration of the term for which the  
10          most immediate predecessor was appointed, the Reg-  
11          ister shall be appointed for the remainder of such  
12          term. The Register may be reappointed for 1 or  
13          more additional terms of 5 years each.”.

14          (c) ESTABLISHMENT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF  
15          THE COPYRIGHT OFFICE.—

16                 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 415(a)(1)(A) of title  
17                 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “and  
18                 the United States Postal Service” and inserting “the  
19                 United States Postal Service, and the Copyright Of-  
20                 fice”.

21                 (2) RELATION TO INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE  
22                 LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.—Section 1307 of the Legis-  
23                 lative Branch Appropriations Act, 2006 (2 U.S.C.  
24                 185) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1           “(i) NO OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY OVER COPYRIGHT  
2 OFFICE.—The Inspector General shall have no oversight  
3 authority with respect to the Copyright Office.”.

4           (d) APPOINTMENT OF ACTING OFFICERS BY ACTING  
5 REGISTER.—Section 701(a) of title 17, United States  
6 Code, as amended by this section, is amended by adding  
7 at the end the following: “Any officer appointed by an act-  
8 ing Register of Copyrights, including a Copyright Royalty  
9 Judge, shall be an acting officer, and may be removed  
10 from office at any time by an individual serving in the  
11 office of Register of Copyrights pursuant to an appoint-  
12 ment by the President, by and with the advice and consent  
13 of the Senate.”.

14           (e) RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY COPY-  
15 RIGHT ENTITIES PRIOR TO ENACTMENT.—Each action  
16 taken under title 17, United States Code, by the Copyright  
17 Office, the Register of Copyrights, the Copyright Royalty  
18 Judges, or the Copyright Claims Board during the period  
19 beginning on May 8, 2025, and ending on the date of en-  
20 actment of this Act is ratified and shall be given full force  
21 and effect.

22           (f) SUPPORT AGREEMENTS; REIMBURSEMENT.—Sec-  
23 tion 701 of title 17, United States Code, is amended by  
24 adding at the end the following:

1       “(g) SUPPORT AGREEMENTS; REIMBURSEMENT.—  
2 The Library of Congress and any other agency or office  
3 in the legislative branch of the Federal Government may  
4 provide administrative, facilities, financial management,  
5 information technology, legal, security, and other appro-  
6 priate support to the Copyright Office as provided under  
7 an agreement for services entered into by the applicable  
8 agency or office and the Copyright Office.”.

9 **SEC. 7. GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE PERSONNEL**  
10 **REFORMS.**

11       (a) CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.—

12               (1) APPLICATION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL AC-  
13       COUNTABILITY ACT TO THE GOVERNMENT PUB-  
14       LISHING OFFICE.—Section 101(a) of the Congres-  
15       sional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C.  
16       1301(a)) is amended—

17                       (A) in paragraph (3)—

18                               (i) in subparagraph (J), by striking  
19                               “or”;

20                               (ii) in subparagraph (K), by striking  
21                               the period at the end and inserting “; or”;  
22                               and

23                               (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
24                               lowing:

25                               “(L) the Government Publishing Office.”;

1 (B) in paragraph (7), by striking “through  
2 (K)” and inserting “through (L)”;

3 (C) in paragraph (8), by striking “through  
4 (K)” and inserting “through (L)”; and

5 (D) in paragraph (9)(D)—

6 (i) by striking “and the John” and in-  
7 serting “the John”; and

8 (ii) by inserting “, and the Govern-  
9 ment Publishing Office” before “; or”.

10 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

11 (A) Section 2301(a) of title 5, United  
12 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

13 “(a) This section shall apply to an Executive agen-  
14 cy.”.

15 (B) Section 2302(a)(2)(C) of title 5,  
16 United States Code, is amended by striking  
17 “and the Government Publishing Office”.

18 (C) Section 4301(1) of title 5, United  
19 States Code, is amended—

20 (i) by striking “(1) ‘agency’ means—  
21 ” and all that follows through “but does  
22 not include—” and inserting the following:

23 “(1) ‘agency’ means an Executive agency, but  
24 does not include—”; and

1 (ii) by redesignating clauses (i), (ii),  
2 and (iii) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and  
3 (C).

4 (D) Section 4701(a)(1) of title 5, United  
5 States Code, is amended by striking “and the  
6 Government Publishing Office”.

7 (E) Section 5102(a)(1) of title 5, United  
8 States Code, is amended—

9 (i) by striking subparagraph (D); and

10 (ii) redesignating subparagraphs (E)  
11 and (F) as subparagraphs (D) and (E), re-  
12 spectively.

13 **SEC. 8. HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE**  
14 **GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 305(a) of title 44, United  
16 States Code, is amended—

17 (1) in the first sentence—

18 (A) by striking “other persons” and insert-  
19 ing “other people”; and

20 (B) by striking “the persons employed”  
21 and inserting “those employed”;

22 (2) in the second sentence, by striking “per-  
23 sons” and inserting “people”;

24 (3) by striking the third sentence; and

1           (4) by striking “oftener than once a year.” and  
2           inserting “more often than once a year.”.

3           (b) HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.—

4           (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 44, United  
5           States Code, is amended by inserting after section  
6           306 the following:

7           **“§ 306A. Director of the Government Publishing Of-**  
8                                   **fce; human capital management system**

9           “(a) The Director of the Government Publishing Of-  
10          fice shall establish and maintain a human capital manage-  
11          ment system (in this section referred to as the ‘system’).

12          “(b) The system shall—

13                  “(1) include the merit system principles set  
14                  forth under section 2301(b) of title 5;

15                  “(2) prohibit any personnel practice prohibited  
16                  under section 2302(b) of title 5;

17                  “(3) prohibit any political activity prohibited  
18                  under subchapter III of chapter 73 of title 5;

19                  “(4) ensure that officers and employees of the  
20                  Government Publishing Office are appointed, pro-  
21                  moted, and assigned only on the basis of merit and  
22                  fitness;

23                  “(5) be established without regard to the provi-  
24                  sions of title 5 governing appointments and other  
25                  personnel actions in the competitive service; and

1           “(6) give a preference to an individual eligible  
2           for a hiring preference in the executive branch of the  
3           United States Government in a way and to an extent  
4           consistent with the preference given the individual  
5           for a position in the executive branch.

6           “(c)(1) The Director may prescribe regulations about  
7           the system only—

8                   “(A) after notice and opportunity for public  
9                   comment; and

10                   “(B) with the approval of the Joint Committee  
11                   on Printing.

12           “(2) An officer or employee of the Government Pub-  
13           lishing Office may not make a reprisal or threat of reprisal  
14           against another officer or employee of the Government  
15           Publishing Office because of comments on a proposed reg-  
16           ulation about the system.”.

17                   (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of  
18           sections for chapter 3 of title 44, United States  
19           Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating  
20           to section 306 the following:

                  “306A. Director of the Government Publishing Office; human capital manage-  
                  ment system.”.

21           (c) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section or the  
22           amendments made by this section shall be construed to  
23           affect any proceeding or payment of an award or settle-

1 ment relating to a claim which is pending on the effective  
2 date of this section under—

3 (1) title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42  
4 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq.);

5 (2) chapter 71 of title 5, United States Code  
6 (relating to Federal service labor-management rela-  
7 tions);

8 (3) an appeal to the Merit Systems Protection  
9 Board; or

10 (4) subchapter II, chapter 12, of title 5, United  
11 States Code.

12 **SEC. 9. UPDATE TO PRINT REQUIREMENTS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 501 of title 44, United  
14 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

15 **“§ 501. Government printing, binding, blank-book**  
16 **work, and publishing services by the**  
17 **Government Publishing Office**

18 “The Government Publishing Office may perform  
19 printing, binding, blank-book work, and publishing serv-  
20 ices for Congress, the Executive Office of the President,  
21 the Judiciary, and every executive department, inde-  
22 pendent office, and establishment of the Government.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

1           (1) Section 207(a) of the Legislative Branch  
2           Appropriations Act, 1993 (44 U.S.C. 501 note) is  
3           repealed.

4           (2) The table of sections for chapter 501 of title  
5           44, United States Code, is amended by striking the  
6           item relating to section 501 and inserting the fol-  
7           lowing:

          “501. Government printing, binding, blank-book work, and publishing services  
          by the Government Publishing Office.”.

8   **SEC. 10. APPLICABILITY.**

9           (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in subsection  
10          (b), this Act and the amendments made by this Act shall  
11          apply on and after the date of enactment of this Act.

12          (b) **EXCEPTIONS.**—

13                  (1) **LIBRARIAN.**—

14                          (A) **APPOINTMENT.**—Subsection (a) of sec-  
15                          tion 3 of the Librarian of Congress Succession  
16                          Modernization Act of 2015, as redesignated and  
17                          amended by this Act, shall apply to any ap-  
18                          pointment to the position of Librarian of Con-  
19                          gress made on or after the date of enactment  
20                          of this Act.

21                          (B) **REMOVAL.**—Subsection (d) of section  
22                          3 of the Librarian of Congress Succession Mod-  
23                          ernization Act of 2015, as redesignated and  
24                          amended by this Act, shall apply with respect to

1 an individual appointed to the position of Li-  
2 brarian of Congress before, on, or after the date  
3 of enactment of this Act.

4 (C) PAY.—Subsection (b) of section 904 of  
5 the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1983 (2  
6 U.S.C. 136a–2), as added by this Act, shall  
7 apply on and after the first day of the first ap-  
8 plicable pay period beginning on or after the  
9 date of enactment of this Act.

10 (2) DEPUTY LIBRARIAN APPOINTMENT.—Sub-  
11 sections (a)(1), (b), and (c) of section 4 of the Li-  
12 brarian of Congress Succession Modernization Act of  
13 2015, as added by this Act, shall apply to any ap-  
14 pointment to the position of Deputy Librarian of  
15 Congress made on or after the date of enactment of  
16 this Act.

17 (3) DIRECTOR OF GPO.—

18 (A) APPOINTMENT.—Subsection (a)(2) of  
19 section 301 of title 44, United States Code, as  
20 amended by this Act, shall apply to any ap-  
21 pointment to the position of Director of the  
22 Government Publishing Office made on or after  
23 the date of enactment of this Act.

24 (B) REMOVAL.—Subsection (d) of section  
25 301 of title 44, United States Code, as added

1           by this Act, shall apply with respect to an indi-  
2           vidual appointed to the position of Director of  
3           the Government Publishing Office before, on, or  
4           after the date of enactment of this Act.

5           (C) PAY.—Subsection (b) of section 303 of  
6           title 44, United States Code, as added by this  
7           Act, shall apply on and after the first day of  
8           the first applicable pay period beginning on or  
9           after the date of enactment of this Act.

10          (4) DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF GPO APPOINT-  
11          MENT.—Subsections (b)(1), (c), and (d) of section  
12          302 of title 44, United States Code, as added by this  
13          Act, shall apply to any appointment to the position  
14          of Deputy Director of the Government Publishing  
15          Office made on or after the date of enactment of  
16          this Act.

17          (5) REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS; SUBORDINATE  
18          OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES GENERALLY.—Section  
19          701(a) of title 17, United States Code, as amended  
20          by this Act, shall apply to any appointment to the  
21          position of Register of Copyrights or to the position  
22          of a subordinate officer or employee of the Copyright  
23          Office made on or after the date of enactment of  
24          this Act.

1           (6) ASSOCIATE REGISTERS OF COPYRIGHTS.—  
2           Section 701(f) of title 17, United States Code, as  
3           amended by this Act, shall apply to any appointment  
4           to the position of Associate Register of Copyrights  
5           made on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

6           (7) COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES.—Sections  
7           801(a) and 802(d)(1) of title 17, United States  
8           Code, as amended by this Act, shall apply to any ap-  
9           pointment to the position of Copyright Royalty  
10          Judge (including the Chief Copyright Royalty Judge  
11          or an interim Copyright Royalty Judge) made on or  
12          after the date of enactment of this Act.

13          (8) COPYRIGHT CLAIMS OFFICERS.—Section  
14          1502(b)(1) of title 17, United States Code, as  
15          amended by this Act, shall apply to any appointment  
16          to the position of Copyright Claims Officer made on  
17          or after the date of enactment of this Act.

18          (9) HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
19          FOR THE GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE.—Sec-  
20          tion 9 and the amendments made by section 9 shall  
21          take effect on the date that is 180 days after the  
22          date of enactment of this Act.

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