

Public Law 105-128  
105th Congress

An Act

Dec. 1, 1997  
[S. 1505]

To make technical and conforming amendments to the Museum and Library Services Act, and for other purposes.

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

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Museum and Library Services Technical and Conforming Amendments of 1997”.

**SEC. 2. APPOINTMENT OF EMPLOYEES.**

Section 206 of the Museum and Library Services Act (20 U.S.C. 9105 et seq.) is amended—

- (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c); and
- (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

“(b) APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION OF TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Director may appoint without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing the appointment in the competitive service and may compensate without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 or subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title (relating to the classification and General Schedule pay rates), such technical and professional employees as the Director determines to be necessary to carry out the duties of the Institute.

“(2) NUMBER AND COMPENSATION.—The number of employees appointed and compensated under paragraph (1) shall not exceed  $\frac{1}{5}$  of the number of full-time regular or professional employees of the Institute. The rate of basic compensation for the employees appointed and compensated under paragraph (1) may not exceed the rate prescribed for level GS-15 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5.”.

**SEC. 3. SPECIAL LIBRARIES.**

Section 213(2)(E) of the Museum and Library Services Act (20 U.S.C. 9122(2)(E)) is amended—

- (1) by inserting “or other special library” after “a private library”; and
- (2) by inserting “or special” after “such private”.

**SEC. 4. RESERVATIONS.**

Section 221(a)(1) of the Museum and Library Services Act (20 U.S.C. 9131(a)(1)) is amended—

- (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “1½ percent” and inserting “1.75 percent”; and

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(2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “4 percent” and inserting “3.75 percent”.

#### SEC. 5. MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.

The second sentence of section 223(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Museum and Library Services Act (20 U.S.C. 9133(c)(1)(A)(i)) is amended to read as follows: “The amount of the reduction in the allotment for any fiscal year shall be equal to the allotment multiplied by a fraction—

“(I) the numerator of which is the result obtained by subtracting the level of such State expenditures for the fiscal year for which the determination is made, from the average of the total level of such State expenditures for the 3 fiscal years preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made; and

“(II) the denominator of which is the average of the total level of such State expenditures for the 3 fiscal years preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made.”.

#### SEC. 6. SERVICE TO INDIAN TRIBES.

Section 261 of the Museum and Library Services Act (20 U.S.C. 9161) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “**INDIAN TRIBES**” and inserting “**NATIVE AMERICANS**”; and

(2) by striking “to organizations” and all that follows through “such organizations” and inserting “to Indian tribes and to organizations that primarily serve and represent Native Hawaiians (as the term is defined in section 9212 of the Native Hawaiian Education Act (20 U.S.C. 7912) to enable such tribes and organizations”.

#### SEC. 7. NATIONAL LEADERSHIP GRANTS OR CONTRACTS.

Section 262 of the Museum and Library Services Act (20 U.S.C. 9162) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “**NATIONAL LEADERSHIP GRANTS OR CONTRACTS**” and inserting “**NATIONAL LEADERSHIP GRANTS, CONTRACTS, OR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS**”;

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “program awarding national leadership grants or contracts” and inserting “program of awarding grants or entering into contracts or cooperative agreements”; and

(B) by striking “Such grants or contracts” and inserting “Such grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements”;

(3) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the section heading, by striking “(b) GRANTS OR CONTRACTS” and inserting “(b) GRANTS, CONTRACTS, OR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS”; and

(B) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or cooperative agreements,” after “contracts”; and

(C) in paragraph (2), by striking “Grants and contracts” and inserting “Grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements”.

**SEC. 8. CORRECTION OF TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR.**

Section 262(a)(3) of the Museum and Library Services Act (20 U.S.C. 9162(a)(3)) is amended by striking “preservation of digitization” and inserting “preserving or digitization”.

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