

Public Law 101-562
101st Congress

An Act

Nov. 15, 1990
[H.R. 5708]

To authorize acquisition of certain real property for the Library of Congress, and for other purposes.

District of
Columbia.
2 USC 141 note.

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

SECTION 1. ACQUISITION OF SPECIAL FACILITIES CENTER.

The Architect of the Capitol may acquire on behalf of the United States Government by purchase, condemnation, transfer, or otherwise (A) all publicly or privately owned real property in lot 51 in square 869 in the District of Columbia, as that lot appears on the records in the office of the Surveyor of the District of Columbia on August 1, 1990, extending to the outer face of the curbs of the square in which it is located and including all alleys or parts of alleys and streets within the lot lines and curb lines surrounding such real property, and (B) improvements to such real property.

2 USC 141 note.

SEC. 2. REPAIR, ALTERATION, AND EXEMPTIONS.

(a) **REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.**—The first section of the Act of June 29, 1922 (42 Stat. 715; 2 U.S.C. 141), is amended by striking “the Library Building and on the grounds,” and inserting “the Library of Congress buildings and grounds (as defined in section 11 of the Act of August 4, 1950 (2 U.S.C. 167(j))),”.

(b) **REPAIR AND ALTERATION STANDARDS.**—The property and improvements acquired under section 1 shall be repaired and altered, to the maximum extent feasible as determined by the Architect of the Capitol, in compliance with one of the nationally recognized model building codes and with other applicable nationally recognized codes (including electrical codes, fire and life safety codes, plumbing codes, as determined appropriate by the Architect), using the latest edition of the nationally recognized codes referred to in this paragraph.

(c) **LIBRARY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.**—Section 11 of the Act entitled “An Act relating to the policing of the buildings of the Library of Congress”, approved August 4, 1950 (64 Stat. 412; 2 U.S.C. 167j), is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection: “(c) For the purposes of this Act, the term ‘Library of Congress buildings and grounds’ shall include (1) all real property in lot 51 in square 869 in the District of Columbia, as that lot appears on the records in the office of the Surveyor of the District of Columbia on August 1, 1990, extending to the outer face of the curbs of the square in which it is located and including all alleys or parts of alleys and streets within the lot lines and curb lines surrounding such real property, and (2) improvements to such real property.”.

(d) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Subsections (a) and (b) and the amendment made by subsection (c) shall take effect on the date the Architect of the Capitol acquires the property and improvements described in section 1.

SEC. 3. PENALTY.

2 USC 141 note.

Section 8 of the Act entitled "An Act relating to the policing of the buildings of the Library of Congress", approved August 4, 1950 (64 Stat. 412; 2 U.S.C. 167g), is amended—

(1) by striking "shall be fined not more than \$100 or imprisoned not more than sixty days, or both," and inserting "commits a Class B misdemeanor,"; and

(2) by striking "the period of imprisonment for the offense may be not more than five years." and inserting "the person commits a Class D felony."

SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.

2 USC 141 note.

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Architect of the Capitol \$5,000,000 for carrying out the purposes of this Act, to remain available until expended.

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