

Public Law 102-330
102d Congress

An Act

To authorize the Architect of the Capitol to acquire certain property.

Aug. 3, 1992
[S. 2938]

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

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY OF THE ARCHITECT.

40 USC 174b-1
note.

(a) **ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.**—The Architect of the Capitol, under the direction of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, may acquire, on behalf of the United States Government, by purchase, condemnation, transfer or otherwise, as an addition to the United States Capitol Grounds, all publicly and privately owned real property in lots 34 and 35 in square 758 in the District of Columbia as those lots appear on the records in the Office of the Surveyor of the District of Columbia as the date of the enactment of this Act, extending to the outer face of the curbs of the square in which such lots are located and including all alleys or parts of alleys and streets within the lot lines and curb lines surrounding such real property, together with all improvements thereon.

(b) **UNITED STATES CAPITOL GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS.**—Immediately upon the acquisition by the Architect of the Capitol, on behalf of the United States, of the real property, and the improvements thereon, as provided under subsection (a), the real property acquired shall be a part of the United States Capitol Grounds, and the improvements on such real property shall be a part of the Senate Office Buildings. Such real property and improvements shall be subject to the Act of July 31, 1946 (40 U.S.C. 193a et seq.), and the Act of June 8, 1942 (40 U.S.C. 174c).

(c) **BUILDING CODES.**—The real property and improvements acquired in accordance with subsection (a) shall be repaired and altered, to the maximum extent feasible as determined by the Architect of the Capitol, in accordance with a nationally recognized model building code, and other applicable nationally recognized codes (including electrical codes, fire and life safety codes, and plumbing codes, as determined by the Architect of the Capitol), using the most current edition of the nationally recognized codes referred to in this subsection.

(d) **REPAIRS; EXPENDITURES.**—The Architect of the Capitol is authorized, without regard to the provisions of section 3709 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, to enter into contracts and to make expenditures for necessary repairs to, and refurbishment of, the real property and the improvements on such real property acquired in accordance with subsection (a), including expenditures for personal and other services as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act. In no event shall the aggregate value of contracts and expenditures under this subsection exceed an amount equal to that authorized to be appropriated pursuant to subsection (e).

(e) **AUTHORIZATION.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to the account under the heading “Architect of the Capitol” and the subheadings “Capitol Buildings and Grounds” and “Senate Office Buildings”, \$2,000,000 for carrying out the purposes of this Act. Moneys appropriated pursuant to this authorization may remain available until expended.

(f) **USE OF PROPERTY.**—The real property, and improvements thereon, acquired in accordance with subsection (a) shall be available to the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate for use as a residential facility for United States Senate Pages, and for such other purposes as the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration may provide.

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