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To revise certain authorities of the Government Publishing Office, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEIL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, 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 revise certain authorities of the Government Publishing Office, 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “GPO Modernization Act of 2024”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of  
7 this Act is as follows:

Section 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—SALES PROGRAMS

Sec. 101. Sale of Government documents.

## TITLE II—PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS

Sec. 201. Purpose and establishment.  
 Sec. 202. Definitions.  
 Sec. 203. Availability of Government publications.  
 Sec. 204. Selections available to depository libraries.  
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## TITLE III—ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Sec. 301. Digital publishing services.  
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 Sec. 305. Detail of employees.  
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 Sec. 307. Leave carryover for certain Government Publishing Office positions.

# 1       **TITLE I—SALES PROGRAMS**

## 2       **SEC. 101. SALE OF GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS.**

3       (a) AUTHORITY OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCU-  
 4       MENTS.—Section 1702 of title 44, United States Code, is  
 5       amended—

6               (1) in the first undesignated paragraph, by  
 7       striking “The Director” and inserting “(a) AP-  
 8       POINTMENT.—The Director”;

9               (2) in the second undesignated paragraph—

10               (A) by striking “When an officer” and in-  
 11       serting “(b) RECEIPT AND SALE.—When an of-  
 12       ficer”; and

13               (B) by striking “who shall receive and sell”  
 14       and inserting “who may receive and sell”; and

1           (3) in the third undesignated paragraph, by  
2           striking “The Superintendent of Documents” and  
3           inserting “(c) REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION.—The  
4           Superintendent of Documents”.

5           (b) REMOVE REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL FROM  
6           DEPARTMENT IN WHICH DOCUMENT ORIGINATED.—Sec-  
7           tion 1707 of such title is amended by striking “, subject  
8           to the approval of the Secretary or head of the department  
9           in which the public document originated”.

10          (c) PRICES; RESALE AUTHORITY.—Section 1708 of  
11          such title is amended to read as follows:

12          **“§ 1708. Prices for sales copies of publications; cred-**  
13                           **iting of receipts; resale by dealers; sales**  
14                           **agents**

15          “(a) PRICES.—The price at which additional copies  
16          of Government publications are offered for sale to the pub-  
17          lic by the Superintendent of Documents shall be based on  
18          the cost as determined by the Director of the Government  
19          Publishing Office plus a premium to cover the costs of  
20          sale and delivery. A discount may be allowed as deter-  
21          mined by the Superintendent of Documents.

22          “(b) RESALE AUTHORITY.—The Superintendent of  
23          Documents may prescribe terms and conditions under  
24          which he authorizes the resale of Government publications  
25          by book dealers, and he may designate any Government

1 officer his agent for the sale of Government publications  
2 under regulations agreed upon by the Superintendent of  
3 Documents and the head of the respective department or  
4 establishment of the Government.”.

5 (d) AUTHORITY OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCU-  
6 MENTS TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR DISTRIBU-  
7 TION, SALE, AND DISPOSAL OF UNNEEDED DOCU-  
8 MENTS.—Section 1720 of such title is amended by strik-  
9 ing “distribution or sale” and inserting “distribution, sale,  
10 or disposal in accordance with requirements established by  
11 the Superintendent of Documents”.

## 12 **TITLE II—PUBLIC INFORMATION** 13 **PROGRAMS**

### 14 **SEC. 201. PURPOSE AND ESTABLISHMENT.**

15 Chapter 19 of title 44, United States Code, is amend-  
16 ed by inserting before section 1901 the following new sec-  
17 tion:

#### 18 **“§ 1900. Purpose and establishment of the public in-** 19 **formation programs of the Super-** 20 **intendent of Documents**

21 “(a) The purposes of this chapter are the following:

22 “(1) To ensure the public’s right to free, equi-  
23 table, and convenient access to Government public  
24 information.

1           “(2) To establish the Public Information Pro-  
2           grams of the Superintendent of Documents in the  
3           Government Publishing Office, that together, func-  
4           tion to identify, acquire, catalog, preserve, authen-  
5           ticate, disseminate, reformat, and provide no-fee per-  
6           manent public access to the corpus of Government  
7           public information for future generations, including  
8           the following programs and activities:

9                   “(A) The Federal Depository Library Pro-  
10                  gram.

11                  “(B) The Cataloging and Access Services  
12                  Program.

13                  “(C) Online System of Access.

14                  “(D) The National Collection of U.S. Gov-  
15                  ernment Public Information.

16                  “(E) Preservation Program.

17                  “(F) Sales to the Public.

18           “(b) The Superintendent of Documents shall engage  
19           in activities that enhance awareness and access to Govern-  
20           ment public information or provide services that support  
21           libraries in their efforts to serve their communities.”.

22   **SEC. 202. DEFINITIONS.**

23           Section 1901 of such title is amended to read as fol-  
24           lows:

1 **“§ 1901. Definitions**

2 “In this chapter—

3 “(1) the term ‘access services’ means those  
4 functions or services which enable or enhance dis-  
5 covery, awareness, and use of Government public in-  
6 formation in the National Collection of U.S. Govern-  
7 ment Public Information, and Federal documents  
8 collections held by Federal depository libraries;

9 “(2) the term ‘Government public information’  
10 means Federal Government publications or informa-  
11 tion resources, regardless of physical form or me-  
12 dium, compiled by Government employees, or at  
13 Government expense, or as required by law, and dis-  
14 seminated to the public by an agency or a contractor  
15 thereof or of educational value, including such publi-  
16 cations or information resources which have been de-  
17 classified;

18 “(3) the term ‘Government publication’ means  
19 informational matter which is published as an indi-  
20 vidual document at Government expense, or as re-  
21 quired by law;

22 “(4) the term ‘information’ means any commu-  
23 nication or representation of knowledge such as  
24 facts, data, or opinions in any medium or form, in-  
25 cluding textual, numerical, graphic, cartographic,  
26 narrative, electronic, or audiovisual forms;

1           “(5) the term ‘information lifecycle manage-  
2           ment’ means the process of planning, budgeting, ad-  
3           ministering, processing, and controlling information,  
4           whether in the form of a tangible or digital informa-  
5           tion asset, throughout the stages of the asset, in-  
6           cluding the asset’s—

7                   “(A) creation, identification, and acquisi-  
8                   tion;

9                   “(B) organization, bibliographic control,  
10                  and metadata;

11                  “(C) preservation, digitization, and refor-  
12                  mating;

13                  “(D) authentication, access, and dissemi-  
14                  nation;

15                  “(E) promotion;

16                  “(F) storage; and

17                  “(G) management through a trusted dig-  
18                  ital repository;

19           “(6) the term ‘permanent public access’ means  
20           making Government public information resources  
21           discoverable and available to, and accessible by, the  
22           public on an indefinite, continuing basis, without  
23           charge;

24           “(7) the term ‘preservation’ means strategic ini-  
25           tiatives, programs, and processes designed to main-

1       tain useful access to information assets, serving the  
2       information needs of both present and future gen-  
3       erations; and

4               “(8) the term ‘unreported public information’  
5       means Government public information which is not  
6       cataloged or otherwise identifiable or retrievable by  
7       an end user of the catalog described in section  
8       1917.”.

9       **SEC. 203. AVAILABILITY OF GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.**

10       Section 1902 of such title is amended to read as fol-  
11       lows:

12       **“§ 1902. Availability of Government publications**  
13               **through Superintendent of Documents;**  
14               **notification of publications not ordered**  
15               **from Government Publishing Office**

16       “(a) AVAILABILITY.—The Superintendent of Docu-  
17       ments shall make Government public information available  
18       to depository libraries through the Superintendent of Doc-  
19       uments Public Information Programs.

20       “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—Each component of the Gov-  
21       ernment shall—

22               “(1) notify the Superintendent of Documents of  
23       tangible Government public information content it  
24       has issued that is not also available digitally;



1           “(2) notify the Superintendent of Documents of  
2 digital Government public information content it has  
3 issued;

4           “(3) collaborate with the Superintendent of  
5 Documents to ensure any such digital Government  
6 public information remains permanently accessible;  
7 and

8           “(4) furnish to the Superintendent of Docu-  
9 ments any tangible Government public information it  
10 has issued that was obtained from sources other  
11 than the Government Publishing Office, unless other  
12 arrangements have been made with the Super-  
13 intendent of Documents to ensure the information is  
14 accessible to depository libraries.

15           “(c) EXCEPTIONS.—The requirements of subsection  
16 (b) do not apply to Government public information that  
17 is confidential in character or classified for reasons of na-  
18 tional security.”.

19 **SEC. 204. SELECTIONS AVAILABLE TO DEPOSITORY LI-**  
20 **BRARIES.**

21           Section 1904 of such title is amended to read as fol-  
22 lows:

23 **“§ 1904. Selections available to depository libraries**

24           “The Superintendent of Documents shall notify de-  
25 pository libraries of those Government public information

1 products, regardless of format, that are available for selec-  
2 tion for inclusion in their depository collections.”.

3 **SEC. 205. DISTRIBUTION TO DEPOSITORIES.**

4 Section 1905 of title 44, United States Code, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 **“§ 1905. Distribution to depositories; designation of**  
7 **additional libraries; justification; author-**  
8 **ization for certain designations**

9 “(a) Government public information available from  
10 the Superintendent of Documents, and when requested  
11 from the Superintendent of Documents, shall be distrib-  
12 uted or made accessible to depository libraries specifically  
13 designated by law and to libraries designated pursuant to  
14 this section.

15 “(b) Libraries within areas served by Members of the  
16 House, Delegates, or the Resident Commissioner from the  
17 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico may be designated by them  
18 to receive Government public information to the extent  
19 that the total number of libraries designated by them does  
20 not exceed two within each area.

21 “(c) Not more than two additional libraries within a  
22 State may be designated by each Senator from the State.

23 “(d) The Mayor of the District of Columbia may des-  
24 ignate two depository libraries in the District of Columbia.

1       “(e) The Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto  
2 Rico, the Governor of Guam, the Governor of American  
3 Samoa, and the Governor of the Commonwealth of the  
4 Northern Mariana Islands may each designate one deposi-  
5 tory library in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam,  
6 American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern  
7 Mariana Islands, respectively. The Governor of the United  
8 States Virgin Islands may designate one depository library  
9 on the island of Saint Thomas and one on the island of  
10 Saint Croix.

11       “(f) The Superintendent of Documents may des-  
12 ignate libraries to be digital-only depository libraries for  
13 Government public information if they are located in an  
14 area with no congressional vacancies and they are not eli-  
15 gible to be designated under existing by-law library provi-  
16 sions of this section. Digital-only depository libraries must  
17 be freely accessible to and provide services for the general  
18 public and otherwise meet the requirements of this title.

19       “(g) Before a library is designated as a depository  
20 for Government public information, the Superintendent of  
21 Documents shall assess the potential depository library to  
22 determine its sustainability for housing a depository collec-  
23 tion and for providing access services, including providing  
24 access to digital content. The head of that library shall  
25 furnish justification of the necessity for the additional des-

1 igation to the library’s Senator, Member of the House,  
2 Delegate, Resident Commissioner from the Common-  
3 wealth of Puerto Rico, or the Mayor of the District of Co-  
4 lumbia or Governor, as the case may be. The justification  
5 shall also include the assessment of the Superintendent  
6 of Documents. The justification for depository library des-  
7 ignations shall be transmitted to the Superintendent of  
8 Documents by the Senator, Member of the House, Dele-  
9 gate, the Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth  
10 of Puerto Rico, or the Mayor of the District of Columbia  
11 or Governor, as the case may be.”.

12 **SEC. 206. CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATED TO LIBRAR-**  
13 **IES OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS.**

14 Section 1907 of title 44, United States Code, is  
15 amended—

16 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “Govern-  
17 ment publications” and inserting “Government pub-  
18 lic information”; and

19 (2) in the last sentence, by striking “Library of  
20 Congress and the Archivist of the United States”  
21 and inserting “Superintendent of Documents”.

22 **SEC. 207. REQUIREMENTS FOR DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES.**

23 Section 1909 of title 44, United States Code, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 1909. Requirements of depository libraries; reports**  
2 **on conditions; consultations and training;**  
3 **termination; replacement**

4 “(a) Only a library able to provide access to, custody  
5 of, and services for deposited materials or access to and  
6 services for online digital content and located in an area  
7 where it can best serve the public need may be designated  
8 as a depository library. The designated depository libraries  
9 shall report to the Superintendent of Documents at least  
10 every two years concerning their condition.

11 “(b) The Superintendent of Documents shall regu-  
12 larly assess conditions in depository libraries. The Super-  
13 intendent of Documents shall provide needed training and  
14 support by making visits to depository libraries or by other  
15 means and include the results of consultations in the Su-  
16 perintendent of Documents’ annual report. When the Su-  
17 perintendent of Documents ascertains that the designated  
18 depository has ceased to be maintained so as to be acces-  
19 sible to the public, or that the Government publications  
20 which have been furnished the library have not been prop-  
21 erly maintained, the Superintendent of Documents shall  
22 remove the library from the directory of depository librar-  
23 ies if the library fails to correct the unsatisfactory condi-  
24 tions within an agreed upon time frame. A library may  
25 be designated, pursuant to section 1905 of this chapter,  
26 to replace a library deleted by the Superintendent of Docu-

1 ments, provided that the designation may not be in excess  
2 of the number of depository libraries authorized by law.”.

3 **SEC. 208. FREE USE OF GOVERNMENT PUBLIC INFORMA-**  
4 **TION IN DEPOSITORIES.**

5 Section 1911 of title 44, United States Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 **“§ 1911. Free use of Government public information**  
8 **in depositories; disposal of unwanted**  
9 **Government public information**

10 **“(a) FREE USE OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.—**Deposi-  
11 tory libraries shall make Government public information  
12 available for the free use of the general public.

13 **“(b) DIGITAL INFORMATION SUBSTITUTES.—**Deposi-  
14 tory libraries may substitute digital information for tan-  
15 gible publications in accordance with Superintendent of  
16 Documents policy and guidance. Depository libraries may  
17 dispose of tangible publications which are Government  
18 property after retention for five years under section 1912  
19 of this title, if the depository library is served by a regional  
20 depository library.

21 **“(c) DISPOSAL.—**A depository library not served by  
22 a regional depository library, or that is a regional deposi-  
23 tory library, may dispose of unwanted Government public  
24 information, superseded publications, or those issued later

1 in bound form in accordance with Superintendent of Docu-  
2 ments policy and guidance.”.

3 **SEC. 209. REGIONAL DEPOSITORIES.**

4 Section 1912 of title 44, United States Code, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 **“§ 1912. Regional depositories; designation; functions;**  
7 **shared responsibilities, disposal of publi-**  
8 **cations**

9 “(a) Not more than two depository libraries in each  
10 State and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico may be des-  
11 ignated as regional depositories and shall receive from the  
12 Superintendent of Documents copies of or access to all  
13 new and revised Government publications authorized for  
14 dissemination to depository libraries. Designation of re-  
15 gional depository libraries may be made by a Senator or  
16 the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico within the  
17 areas served by them. Prior to the designation the Super-  
18 intendent of Documents shall consult with the head of the  
19 potential regional depository library and ascertain that the  
20 library will fulfill the requirements for depository libraries.  
21 The agreement to function as a regional depository library  
22 shall be transmitted to the Superintendent of Documents  
23 by the Senator or the Resident Commissioner from Puerto  
24 Rico when the designation is made.

1       “(b) Regional depository libraries shall retain at least  
2 one copy of all Government publications received, except  
3 those authorized to be discarded by the Superintendent  
4 of Documents policy and guidance or covered by collabo-  
5 rative agreements approved by the Superintendent of Doc-  
6 uments, or make accessible digital versions (in accordance  
7 with Superintendent of Documents policy) and, within the  
8 area served, will provide leadership and coordination for  
9 the provision of program-related activities for depository  
10 libraries.

11       “(c) Regional depository libraries from different  
12 States may share responsibilities by entering into agree-  
13 ments in accordance with Superintendent of Documents  
14 guidance and upon approval of a Senator from each of  
15 the States.

16       “(d) The Superintendent of Documents shall estab-  
17 lish not fewer than four multistate collection service areas  
18 to support collaborative collection and service coordination  
19 among depository libraries within such area.

20       “(e) Publications distributed by the Superintendent  
21 of Documents to depository libraries are holdings of the  
22 National Collection of U.S. Government Public Informa-  
23 tion and remain the property of the United States Govern-  
24 ment. Libraries designated as regional depositories will co-  
25 ordinate with the Superintendent of Documents on the



1 disposition of Government Publications from depository li-  
2 braries, within the areas served by them, which the deposi-  
3 tory library has retained for five years or when the deposi-  
4 tory library is relinquishing its depository designation. The  
5 Superintendent of Documents shall manage the National  
6 Collection of U.S. Government Public Information to  
7 maximize the access to, use of, and preservation of Gov-  
8 ernment information in the depository library program.”.

9 **SEC. 210. CATALOGING AND ACCESS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 19 of title 44, United  
11 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
12 lowing new section:

13 **“§ 1917. Cataloging and access services**

14 “(a) CATALOGING DESCRIBED.—The Superintendent  
15 of Documents shall provide descriptive cataloging records  
16 for the corpus of Government public information. The cat-  
17 aloging records shall be created using library or informa-  
18 tion industry standards and best practices and shall in-  
19 clude metadata elements in accordance with Super-  
20 intendent of Documents policy.

21 “(b) ACCESS AND AWARENESS SERVICES.—The Su-  
22 perintendent of Documents shall engage in activities that  
23 enhance access to and awareness of Government public in-  
24 formation or provide services that support libraries or li-

1 brary support organizations in their efforts to serve their  
2 communities' Government information needs.

3 “(c) SPECIFIC ACCESS SERVICES.—

4 “(1) The Superintendent of Documents shall  
5 maintain an online comprehensive catalog of histor-  
6 ical and current, tangible and digital Government  
7 public information cataloged under subsection (a),  
8 and such catalog shall show where the Government  
9 public information may be obtained or accessed. The  
10 catalog shall be machine- or device-independent and  
11 available for free use by the public.

12 “(2) The Superintendent of Documents shall  
13 carry out a program to bring unreported Govern-  
14 ment public information under bibliographic control  
15 and to make records associated with such informa-  
16 tion available through the catalog established by this  
17 section and such other methods as may be appro-  
18 priate.

19 “(3) The Superintendent of Documents may  
20 make the records of such catalog available to Fed-  
21 eral depository libraries, bibliographic utilities that  
22 support widely available record sharing, or other en-  
23 tities that make available Government public infor-  
24 mation.

1           “(4) The Superintendent of Documents may ac-  
2           cept records for inclusion in such catalog from li-  
3           braries and agencies of the Federal Government,  
4           Federal depository libraries, bibliographic utilities  
5           that support widely available record sharing, or  
6           other entities that make available Government public  
7           information.

8           “(5) The Superintendent of Documents may ac-  
9           quire digital Government public information for in-  
10          clusion in the Cataloging and Access Services Pro-  
11          gram, Federal Depository Library Program, and  
12          GPO’s System of Online Access through automated  
13          and manual harvesting of public websites. Such con-  
14          tent will be cataloged, made accessible through the  
15          catalog established under this subsection, and pre-  
16          served.”.

17          (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—Chapter 17 of  
18          such title is amended by repealing sections 1710 and  
19          1711.

20          **SEC. 211. NATIONAL COLLECTION OF UNITED STATES PUB-**  
21   **LIC INFORMATION.**

22          (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 19 of title 44, United  
23          States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
24          lowing new section:

1 **“§ 1918. National Collection of United States Public**  
2 **Information**

3 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.—

4 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby estab-  
5 lished a National Collection of United States Gov-  
6 ernment Public Information (referred to in this  
7 chapter as the ‘National Collection’).

8 “(2) PURPOSE.—The Federal Government’s  
9 publications and information are national assets and  
10 resources. Their availability and accessibility ensures  
11 an informed citizenry and an improved quality of life  
12 for them while spurring innovation. The National  
13 Collection is established to ensure the public’s right  
14 to free, equitable, and convenient access to Govern-  
15 ment public information.

16 “(b) SCOPE OF THE NATIONAL COLLECTION.—The  
17 content included in the National Collection is the corpus  
18 of Government public information.

19 “(c) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SUPERINTENDENT  
20 OF DOCUMENTS.—The Superintendent of Documents  
21 shall administer the National Collection and shall—

22 “(1) guarantee free permanent public access to  
23 the geographically distributed National Collection;

24 “(2) apply information lifecycle management  
25 best practices to the National Collection;

1           “(3) acquire and bring under bibliographic con-  
2           trol public Government information products, re-  
3           gardless of format, in scope of the National Collec-  
4           tion;

5           “(4) ensure a minimum of four tangible copies  
6           of distributed publications exist in the depository li-  
7           brary program distributed geographically in four Na-  
8           tional Collection service areas; and

9           “(5) collaborate with stakeholders, including the  
10          Library of Congress, libraries of the United States,  
11          Federal agencies, Congress, the Judiciary, and Fed-  
12          eral Depository Library Program member libraries  
13          in as much as is practicable, to ensure preservation,  
14          comprehensiveness, and accessibility of the National  
15          Collection.

16          “(d) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
17          GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE.—The Director of the  
18          Government Publishing Office, acting through the Super-  
19          intendent of Documents, shall—

20                 “(1) operate a digital repository system that  
21                 functions as the Government Publishing Office’s on-  
22                 line system of access through which members of the  
23                 public may obtain, at no charge, information that is  
24                 included in the National Collection;

1           “(2) develop and enhance such system as need-  
2       ed;

3           “(3) digitize, authenticate, manage, preserve,  
4       and provide a permanent means of accessing infor-  
5       mation;

6           “(4) provide access to information in an open  
7       format to the extent practicable;

8           “(5) provide funding for system development,  
9       operational support, and infrastructure; and

10          “(6) have the ability to provide services to Fed-  
11       eral agencies for the purpose of carrying out this  
12       title.”.

13       (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Chapter 41 of title  
14   44, United States Code, is hereby repealed.

15   **SEC. 212. PRINTING OR PUBLICATION OF CONGRESSIONAL**  
16                           **DIRECTORY.**

17       Section 721 of title 44, United States Code, is  
18   amended to read as follows:

19   **“§ 721. Congressional Directory**

20       “There shall be prepared under the direction of the  
21   Joint Committee on Printing (1) a Congressional Direc-  
22   tory, which shall be printed or published and such printed  
23   or published Congressional Directory shall be distributed  
24   as early as practicable during the first session of each  
25   Congress and (2) a supplement to each Congressional Di-

1 rectory, which shall be printed or published and such  
2 printed or published supplement shall be distributed as  
3 early as practicable during the second regular session of  
4 each Congress. The Joint Committee shall control the  
5 number and distribution of the Congressional Directory  
6 and each supplement.”.

7 **TITLE III—ADMINISTRATIVE**  
8 **PROVISIONSSEC. 301. DIGITAL**  
9 **PUBLISHING SERVICES.**

10 Section 502 of title 44, United States Code, is  
11 amended—

12 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “, **PUB-**  
13 **LISHING**” after “**BINDING**”; and

14 (2) in the text, by inserting “, publishing” after  
15 “binding”.

16 **SEC. 302. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.**

17 (a) **AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.**—Section  
18 318(a) of title 44, United States Code, is amended—

19 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
20 (1);

21 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
22 graph (2) and inserting “; and”; and

23 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
24 paragraph:

1           “(3) in accordance with subsection (c), accept,  
2           hold, administer, and utilize gifts and bequests of  
3           property for the purpose of aiding or facilitating the  
4           work of the Government Publishing Office.”.

5           (b) **AUTHORITY DESCRIBED.**—Section 318 of such  
6           title is amended by adding at the end the following new  
7           subsection:

8           “(c)(1) Gifts and bequests of money and the proceeds  
9           from sales of other property received as gifts or bequests  
10          shall be deposited in the Revolving Fund established under  
11          section 309 of this title and shall be used solely for govern-  
12          mental purposes.

13          “(2) Property accepted pursuant to this provision,  
14          and the proceeds thereof, shall be used as nearly as pos-  
15          sible in accordance with the terms of the gift or bequest.

16          “(3) For purposes of Federal income, estate, or gift  
17          taxes, property accepted under this section shall be consid-  
18          ered as a gift, devise, or bequest to the United States.”.

19          (c) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**—The heading of sec-  
20          tion 318 of such title is amended by adding “**;** **GIFT AC-**  
21          **CEPTANCE**” at the end.

22          **SEC. 303. SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITIONS.**

23          Section 311 of title 44, United States Code, is  
24          amended—



1           (1) in the section heading, by striking “**SMALL**  
2           **PURCHASE**” and inserting “**SIMPLIFIED ACQUI-**  
3           **SITION**”;

4           (2) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-  
5           lows:

6           “(b) In addition to the authority to negotiate other-  
7           wise provided by law, the Director of the Government Pub-  
8           lishing Office may negotiate purchases and contracts for  
9           supplies or services for which the Director of the Govern-  
10          ment Publishing Office determines that it is impracticable  
11          to secure competition by advertising. The Director of the  
12          Government Publishing Office may designate one or more  
13          employees of the Government Publishing Office to carry  
14          out this subsection.”; and

15          (3) in subsection (c), by striking “\$100,000”  
16          and inserting “\$250,000”.

17   **SEC. 304. SUPPLIES OR SERVICES.**

18          Section 314 of title 44, United States Code, is  
19          amended—

20               (1) in the section heading, by striking “**INKS,**  
21               **GLUES, AND OTHER SUPPLIES**” and inserting  
22               “**SUPPLIES OR SERVICES**”;

23               (2) by striking “Inks, glues, and other supplies  
24               manufactured” and inserting “Supplies manufac-  
25               tured or services performed”; and

1 (3) by inserting “publishing” after “in connec-  
2 tion with its”.

3 **SEC. 305. DETAIL OF EMPLOYEES.**

4 Section 316 of title 44, United States Code, is  
5 amended by striking “and binding” inserting “, binding,  
6 and publishing”.

7 **SEC. 306. APPOINTMENT OF PERSONS TO CONFIDENTIAL**  
8 **OR POLICYMAKING POSITIONS.**

9 Section 305 of title 44, United States Code, is  
10 amended—

11 (1) by striking the third sentence; and

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

13 “(c) The Director of the Government Publishing Of-  
14 fice may appoint without competitive procedures and fix  
15 the compensation of not more than four qualified individ-  
16 uals to serve in confidential or policymaking roles at a rate  
17 not to exceed an amount equal to the maximum rate of  
18 basic pay for the Senior Executive Service under sub-  
19 chapter VIII of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code,  
20 for the locality involved. Persons appointed under this sub-  
21 section serve at the pleasure of the Director.”.

22 **SEC. 307. LEAVE CARRYOVER FOR CERTAIN GOVERNMENT**  
23 **PUBLISHING OFFICE POSITIONS.**

24 Section 6304(f)(1) of title 5, United States Code, is  
25 amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (G), by striking “or”;

2 (2) in the first subparagraph (H), by striking  
3 the period and inserting a semicolon;

4 (3) in the second subparagraph (H)—

5 (A) by redesignating such subparagraph as  
6 subparagraph (I); and

7 (B) by striking the period at the end and  
8 inserting “; or”; and

9 (4) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(J) a position in the Government Pub-  
11 lishing Office senior level service.”.

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