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To amend title 44, United States Code, to reform the organization, authorities, and programs relating to public printing and documents, including the Federal Depository Library Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M____. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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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 Act”. **[to be provided]**

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

3 **TITLE I—REFORM OF PUBLIC**
4 **PRINTING AND DOCUMENTS**

5 **SEC. 101. REFORM OF PUBLIC PRINTING AND DOCUMENTS.**

6 Title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking
7 chapters 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 17, and 19 and inserting
8 the following:

9 **“CHAPTER 1—GOVERNMENT PRINTING**
10 **OFFICE**

“SUBCHAPTER A—ORGANIZATION AND AUTHORITIES

- “101. Establishment of Government Printing Office.
- “102. Public Printer of the United States.
- “103. Revolving fund.
- “104. Annual financial statement.
- “105. Production and procurement authority.
- “106. Disposition of surplus property; acceptance of voluntary and uncompen-
sated services.
- “107. Authority to issue regulations.
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- “123. Other employees.
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“SUBCHAPTER C—INSPECTOR GENERAL

- “141. Inspector General; establishment and appointment.
- “142. Duties; responsibilities; authorities.
- “143. Independence of budget.

1 **“§ 102. Public Printer of the United States**

2 “(a) APPOINTMENT.—The Government Printing Of-
3 fice shall be headed by the Public Printer of the United
4 States (hereafter in this title referred to as the ‘Public
5 Printer’), who shall be appointed by the President by and
6 with the advice and consent of the Senate.

7 “(b) TERM OF SERVICE.—An individual appointed as
8 Public Printer shall serve for a term of 10 years and may
9 be reappointed for a single additional term of 10 years,
10 and may serve after the expiration of a term until a suc-
11 cessor is appointed under this section.

12 “(c) QUALIFICATIONS.—The individual appointed as
13 Public Printer shall be a graphic communication profes-
14 sional with knowledge of the dissemination, retention, and
15 archiving of information dissemination products.

16 “(d) COMPENSATION.—The Public Printer shall be
17 compensated at an annual rate equal to level II of the
18 Executive Schedule.

19 “(e) PLENARY AUTHORITY.—Consistent with the re-
20 quirements of this title and the regulations promulgated
21 pursuant to this title, the Public Printer may take such
22 actions as the Public Printer considers necessary to carry
23 out the Public Printer’s duties and functions, including
24 actions to remedy neglect, delay, duplication, or waste in
25 the production, procurement, and dissemination of infor-
26 mation dissemination products, and actions to enhance

1 and expand the dissemination of, and maintenance of per-
2 manent public access to, such products.

3 **“§ 103. Revolving fund**

4 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT; CONTENTS.—There is estab-
5 lished a Government Printing Office revolving fund (here-
6 after referred to as the ‘Revolving Fund’), consisting of
7 the following:

8 “(1) The balance of the Revolving Fund under
9 section 309 of this title (as in effect immediately be-
10 fore the effective date of the **[(insert short title of**
11 **bill here)]**.

12 “(2) Capital provided by the Public Printer by
13 capitalizing (at fair and reasonable values deter-
14 mined by the Public Printer in consultation with the
15 Comptroller General of the United States) the cur-
16 rent inventories, plant and building appurtenances,
17 except building structures, and land, equipment, and
18 other assets of GPO.

19 “(3) Such amounts as may be appropriated to
20 the Revolving Fund under law.

21 “(b) USE OF FUND.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
23 graph (2), amounts in the Revolving Fund are avail-
24 able without fiscal year limitation for the operation
25 and maintenance of the Government Printing Office,

1 including any lawful purpose the Public Printer
2 deems reasonable and necessary to carry out this
3 chapter, chapter 3, and chapter 5 of this title.

4 “(2) RECEPTION AND REPRESENTATION EX-
5 PENSES.—The Public Printer may use amounts in
6 the Revolving Fund for official reception and rep-
7 resentation expenses, as well as expenditures for
8 meals, entertainment, and refreshments in connec-
9 tion with official training sessions, in accordance
10 with procedures and rules established by the Public
11 Printer.

12 “(c) REIMBURSEMENTS AND CREDITS.—The Revolv-
13 ing Fund shall be—

14 “(1) reimbursed for the cost of all products,
15 services, and supplies furnished, including those fur-
16 nished through the use of other appropriations made
17 to or on behalf of the Government Printing Office,
18 at rates which include charges for overhead and re-
19 lated expenses, depreciation of plant and building
20 appurtenances (except building structures and land)
21 and equipment, and accrued leave; and

22 “(2) credited with all receipts of the GPO from
23 any authorized source, including sales of information
24 dissemination products, waste, condemned and sur-

1 plus property, and with payments received for losses
2 or damage to property.

3 “(d) ACCOUNTING REQUIREMENTS.—The Public
4 Printer shall maintain an adequate system of accounts for
5 the Revolving Fund, and shall prepare financial reports
6 relating to the Revolving Fund, on the accrual method of
7 accounting.

8 “(e) ANNUAL BUDGET PROGRAM; CONSIDERATION
9 BY CONGRESS.—For purposes of section 9104 of title 31,
10 the Public Printer shall prepare and submit to Congress
11 an annual budget program for the Revolving Fund.

12 **“§ 104. Annual financial statement**

13 “(a) REQUIRING ANNUAL STATEMENT.—The Public
14 Printer shall prepare an annual financial statement meet-
15 ing the requirements of section 3515(b) of title 31.

16 “(b) AUDIT OF STATEMENT.—Each financial state-
17 ment prepared by the Public Printer under subsection (a)
18 shall be audited in accordance with applicable generally
19 accepted Government auditing standards—

20 “(1) by an independent external auditor se-
21 lected by the Public Printer with the concurrence of
22 the Inspector General of the Government Printing
23 Office; or

24 “(2) at the option of the Comptroller General of
25 the United States or at the joint request of the

1 Committee on House Administration of the House of
2 Representatives and the Committee on Rules and
3 Administration of the Senate, by the Comptroller
4 General of the United States.

5 **“§ 105. Production and procurement authority**

6 “(a) INDEPENDENT PURCHASING AUTHORITY.—Ex-
7 cept as provided in subsection (b), the purchasing of goods
8 and services to carry out this chapter, chapter 3, and
9 chapter 5 of this title, including goods and services nec-
10 essary for the production and procurement of information
11 dissemination products, shall be governed by regulations
12 promulgated by the Public Printer, without regard to
13 chapter 33 of title 41.

14 “(b) APPLICATION OF BUY AMERICAN ACT.—Chap-
15 ter 83 of title 41 (commonly known as the ‘Buy American
16 Act’) shall apply with respect to the procurement of goods
17 and services by the Public Printer.

18 **“§ 106. Disposition of surplus property; acceptance of**
19 **voluntary and uncompensated services**

20 “(a) DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY.—The
21 Public Printer may transfer or donate surplus information
22 dissemination products, as well as surplus or obsolete
23 GPO machinery, material, equipment, and supplies to—
24 “(1) other entities of the Federal government;

1 “(2) any organization described under section
2 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and
3 exempt from taxation under 501(a) of such Code; or
4 “(3) a State or unit of local government.

5 “(b) ACCEPTANCE OF VOLUNTARY AND UNCOMPEN-
6 SATED SERVICES.—Notwithstanding section 1342 of title
7 31, the Public Printer may accept voluntary and uncom-
8 pensated services to support the functions of the GPO.
9 An individual providing such voluntary and uncompen-
10 sated services shall not be considered a Federal employee
11 except for purposes of chapter 81 of title 5 (relating to
12 compensation for work injuries) and chapter 171 of title
13 28 (relating to tort claims).

14 **“§ 107. Authority to issue regulations**

15 “(a) AUTHORITY.—The Public Printer may promul-
16 gate such regulations as the Public Printer considers nec-
17 essary to carry out this chapter, chapter 3, and chapter
18 5 of this title, consistent with the provisions of such chap-
19 ters.

20 “(b) APPLICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCE-
21 DURES.—The promulgation of regulations by the Public
22 Printer under this section shall be subject to the following
23 laws:

24 “(1) Section 553 of title 5 (relating to notice
25 and comment requirements for agency rule making).

1 “(2) Chapter 7 of title 5 (relating to judicial re-
2 view of agency actions).

3 “(c) MANDATORY REVIEW.—3 years after the pro-
4 mulgation of any regulation under this section and every
5 3 years thereafter, the Public Printer shall conduct a re-
6 view of the regulation to determine whether or not the reg-
7 ulation should be updated or repealed.

8 **“§ 108. Advisory committees**

9 “The Public Printer may establish advisory commit-
10 tees to obtain advice and recommendations for the Govern-
11 ment Printing Office in the same manner, and subject to
12 the same terms and conditions, applicable to an agency
13 under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

14 **“§ 109. Congressional oversight**

15 “(a) OVERSIGHT.—The Committee on House Admin-
16 istration of the House of Representatives and the Com-
17 mittee on Rules and Administration of the Senate shall
18 have responsibility for overseeing the operations and ac-
19 tivities of the Government Printing Office.

20 “(b) SEMIANNUAL REPORTS.—

21 “(1) REPORTS.—Not later than 45 days after
22 the first 6 months of each fiscal year, and not later
23 than 45 days after the next 6 months of each fiscal
24 year, the Public Printer shall submit to the Com-
25 mittee on House Administration of the House of

1 Representatives and the Committee on Rules and
2 Administration of the Senate, and post on the Public
3 Printer's public website for no-fee public access, a
4 report on the activities of the GPO during the pre-
5 vious 6 months, and shall include in the report the
6 following information:

7 “(A) Grants made by the Public Printer
8 under chapter 5 of this title, including the re-
9 cipient, the amount, the purpose, and any ad-
10 ministrative costs incurred in administering the
11 grant.

12 “(B) Gifts accepted by the Public Printer
13 under chapter 5 of this title, including the
14 donor, the amount, and the disposition.

15 “(C) Actions taken to ensure the protec-
16 tion of the privacy of users of information dis-
17 semination products.

18 “(D) The status of the Depository Library
19 Program under chapter 5.

20 “(E) Any purchases made for the use of
21 the GPO in an amount greater than \$250,000.

22 “(F) The status of any pending rules or
23 regulations proposed under this chapter.

24 “(G) Delegations of authority by the Pub-
25 lic Printer under section 303.

1 “(H) Notifications received by the Super-
2 intendent of Documents under section 504(a).

3 “(I) Any information dissemination prod-
4 ucts recalled under section 508 from the na-
5 tional collection established under subchapter A
6 of chapter 5 of this title.

7 “(2) POSTING FOR NO-FEE PUBLIC ACCESS.—
8 At the time of submitting a report under paragraph
9 (1) to the Committees described in such paragraph,
10 the Public Printer shall post an electronic version of
11 the report on the Public Printer’s official website for
12 no-fee public access.

13 **“§ 110. General definitions**

14 “(a) DEFINITION OF ‘PRINTING’.—

15 “(1) DEFINITION.—In chapters 1, 3, and 5 of
16 this title, the term ‘printing’ includes and applies to
17 the all of the processes used to capture and process
18 digital or tangible information, including—

19 “(A) any formatting, composition,
20 platemaking, presswork, and binding or other
21 finishing, or the manufacturing of related mate-
22 rial;

23 “(B) the equipment and software applica-
24 tions used in such processes; and

1 “(C) the end items in any tangible or dig-
2 ital form produced by such processes and equip-
3 ment for use by an end user.

4 “(2) REVIEW; UPDATES.—The Public Printer
5 shall regularly review the definition under this sub-
6 section to ensure that it is consistent with inter-
7 national and commercial practice, and not less fre-
8 quently than every 5 years, shall submit rec-
9 ommendations to the Committee on House Adminis-
10 tration of the House of Representatives and the
11 Committee on Rules and Administration of the Sen-
12 ate for updates to the definition so that it reflects
13 the most current technology.

14 “(b) OTHER DEFINITIONS.—In chapters 1, 3, and 5
15 of this title, the following definitions apply:

16 “(1) The term ‘dissemination’ means the gov-
17 ernment-initiated distribution of information to a
18 nongovernment entity, including the public. Such
19 term does not include any distribution which is lim-
20 ited to Federal Government employees, intra- or
21 inter-office use or sharing of Federal information,
22 and responses to requests for agency records under
23 the Freedom of Information Act (section 552 of title
24 5) or the Privacy Act (section 552a of title 5).

1 “(2) The term ‘electronic information dissemi-
2 nation product’ means an information dissemination
3 product which is created for or transmitted through
4 an electronic communications system or network of
5 the office in which the product originated.

6 “(3) The term ‘Federal information’ means in-
7 formation created, collected, processed, maintained,
8 disseminated, disclosed, or disposed of by or for the
9 Federal Government, in any medium or form.

10 “(4) The term ‘Federal information system’
11 means an information system used or operated by an
12 office of the Federal Government or by a contractor
13 of such an office or by another organization on be-
14 half of such an office.

15 “(5) The term ‘fugitive document’ means an in-
16 formation dissemination product consisting of a doc-
17 ument which is not cataloged or otherwise identifi-
18 able or retrievable by an end user through the online
19 repository under section 521.

20 “(6) The term ‘Government publication’ means
21 information that is published as an individual docu-
22 ment at Government expense, or as required by law,
23 in any medium or form.

24 “(7) The term ‘graphic communication’ means
25 electronic and traditional printing, publishing, pack-

1 aging, digital imaging, computer graphics, website
2 development, digital photography, printable elec-
3 tronics, and related activities.

4 “(8) The term ‘information’ means any commu-
5 nication or representation of knowledge such as
6 facts, data, or opinions in any medium or form, in-
7 cluding textual, numerical, graphic, cartographic,
8 narrative, electronic, or audiovisual forms.

9 “(9) The term ‘information dissemination prod-
10 uct’ or ‘IDP’ means any recorded information, re-
11 gardless of physical form or characteristics, dissemi-
12 nated by an office of the Federal Government, or
13 contractor thereof, to the public. For purposes of
14 section 105 of title 17, an IDP shall be considered
15 a work of the United States Government regardless
16 of form or format and regardless of whether the
17 IDP was produced or procured by the Public Print-
18 er, an office of the Federal government, or another
19 entity pursuant to a delegation of authority under
20 chapter 3 of this title.

21 “(10) The term ‘inter-office agreement’ means
22 a written agreement entered into between two or
23 more offices of the Federal Government that speci-
24 fies the goods to be furnished or tasks to be accom-
25 plished by one office (the servicing office) in support

1 of the other(s) (the requesting office), including as-
2 sisted acquisitions as described in the Memorandum
3 of the Office of Management and Budget entitled
4 ‘Improving the Management and Use of Interagency
5 Acquisitions’ and other cases described in part 17 of
6 the Federal Acquisition Regulations.

7 “(11) The term ‘personally identifiable informa-
8 tion’ means information that can be used to distin-
9 guish or trace an individual’s identity, either alone
10 or when combined with other information that is
11 linked or linkable to a specific individual.

12 “(12) The term ‘public information’ means any
13 information, regardless of form or format, that an
14 office of the Federal Government discloses, dissemi-
15 nates, or makes available to the public.

16 “(13) The term ‘publication’ means informa-
17 tional matter which is published as an individual
18 document at Federal Government expense, or as re-
19 quired by law.

20 “(14) The term ‘State’ means, except where
21 otherwise provided, each of the several States, the
22 District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto
23 Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the United States
24 Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the North-
25 ern Mariana Islands.

1 “(15) The term ‘trustworthy information sys-
2 tem’ means an information system that is believed to
3 be capable of operating within defined levels of risk
4 despite the environmental disruptions, human errors,
5 structural failures, and purposeful attacks that are
6 expected to occur in its environment of operation.

7 “SUBCHAPTER B—PERSONNEL

8 **“§ 121. Deputy Public Printer of the United States**

9 “(a) APPOINTMENT.—The Public Printer shall ap-
10 point an individual to serve as the Deputy Public Printer
11 of the United States (hereafter in this title referred to as
12 the ‘Deputy Public Printer’), who shall have the same
13 qualifications as the Public Printer under section 102(c)
14 of this title and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Pub-
15 lic Printer.

16 “(b) DUTIES.—The Deputy Public Printer shall
17 carry out such duties as the Public Printer may assign.

18 “(c) SERVICE IN CASE OF VACANCY IN POSITION OF
19 PUBLIC PRINTER.—In addition to carrying out any duties
20 assigned under subsection (b), in the case of death, res-
21 ignation, absence, or illness of the Public Printer, the Dep-
22 uty Public Printer shall carry out the duties of the Public
23 Printer until a successor is appointed or the absence or
24 illness of the Public Printer ends, except that—

1 “(1) the President may direct any other officer
2 of the Government, whose appointment is vested in
3 the President by and with the advice and consent of
4 the Senate, to perform the duties of the vacant of-
5 fice until a successor is appointed, or the sickness or
6 absence of the Public Printer ceases; and

7 “(2) in the event of the death or resignation of
8 the Public Printer, the Deputy Public Printer may
9 not carry out the duties of the Public Printer in ac-
10 cordance with this subsection for more than one
11 year.

12 “(d) COMPENSATION.—The Deputy Public Printer
13 shall be compensated at an annual rate equal to level III
14 of the Executive Schedule.

15 **“§ 122. Superintendent of Documents**

16 “(a) APPOINTMENT.—The Public Printer shall ap-
17 point an individual to serve as the Superintendent of Doc-
18 uments, without regard to political affiliation and solely
19 based on professional qualifications to perform the duties
20 and responsibilities of the position, and who shall serve
21 at the pleasure of the Public Printer.

22 “(b) DUTIES.—Under the general direction of the
23 Public Printer, the Superintendent of Documents shall ad-
24 minister the programs of GPO which provide no-fee public

1 access to Federal information dissemination products
2 (IDPs) under chapter 5 of this title.

3 “(c) QUALIFICATIONS.—The individual appointed as
4 the Superintendent of Documents shall be an accom-
5 plished general manager and practitioner of library and
6 information sciences, including the identification, acquisi-
7 tion, authentication, cataloging, dissemination, mainte-
8 nance, and preservation of information dissemination
9 products regardless of form or format.

10 “(d) COMPENSATION.—The Superintendent of Docu-
11 ments shall be compensated at an annual rate equal to
12 level III of the Executive Schedule.

13 **“§ 123. Other employees**

14 “(a) AUTHORITY TO APPOINT EMPLOYEES.—The
15 Public Printer may appoint such number of employees as
16 the Public Printer determines to be necessary to carry out
17 the functions of the Government Printing Office, except
18 that the Public Printer may not appoint more employees
19 than the necessities of the work of the GPO require.

20 “(b) RATES OF COMPENSATION.—

21 “(1) AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC PRINTER TO SET
22 RATES.—Subject to the succeeding provisions of this
23 subsection, the rate of compensation of any employee
24 of the GPO which is not otherwise set forth in this
25 title, including compensation for night and overtime

1 work, shall be such rate as the Public Printer may
2 establish, based on what the Public Printer considers
3 appropriate for the interest of the Government and
4 just to the individuals employed.

5 “(2) DETERMINATION OF RATES ON BASIS OF
6 NEGOTIATIONS.—The rate of compensation of an
7 employee of the GPO who is a member of a group
8 of 10 or more employees who share the same occu-
9 pation shall be determined pursuant to negotiations
10 between the Public Printer and the bargaining rep-
11 resentatives of such group of employees.

12 “(3) USE OF ARBITRATION IN CASE OF FAIL-
13 URE TO REACH AGREEMENT.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Public Printer
15 and the bargaining representatives of a group
16 of employees fail to reach an agreement on the
17 compensation of the employees who are mem-
18 bers of such group, the determination of the
19 compensation shall be subject to binding arbi-
20 tration which may be invoked by either the bar-
21 gaining representative or the Public Printer,
22 under such terms and conditions as may be
23 agreed upon by the parties involved.

1 “(B) ALLOCATION OF COSTS OF ARBITRA-
2 TION.—Of the costs of conducting an arbitra-
3 tion under this paragraph—

4 “(i) 50 percent shall be paid by the
5 Public Printer; and

6 “(ii) 50 percent shall be paid by the
7 bargaining representatives of the group of
8 employees.

9 “(4) LIMITATION ON FREQUENCY OF ADJUST-
10 MENTS TO RATES.—Any rate of compensation estab-
11 lished pursuant to this subsection may not be ad-
12 justed more frequently than once per calendar year.

13 “(c) AVAILABILITY OF COMPENSATORY TIME.—The
14 Public Printer may grant an employee who is paid on an
15 annual basis with compensatory time instead of overtime
16 pay for overtime work done by the employee.

17 **“§ 124. Voluntary separation incentive payments**

18 “(a) AUTHORITY TO OFFER PAYMENTS.—Notwith-
19 standing any other provision of law, in order to avoid or
20 minimize the need for involuntary separations due to a
21 reduction in force, reorganization, transfer of function, or
22 other similar action affecting the GPO, the Public Printer
23 may establish a program under which voluntary separation
24 incentive payments may be offered to encourage eligible
25 employees to separate from service voluntarily (whether by

1 retirement or resignation) during the 5-year period which
2 begins on the date of the enactment of the **[(insert short**
3 **title of bill here)]**.

4 “(b) PROCEDURES FOR MAKING PAYMENT.—A vol-
5 untary separation incentive payment made under this sec-
6 tion shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of sec-
7 tion 5597(d) of title 5, United States Code, except that
8 the amount of such payment may not exceed \$40,000. Any
9 such payment shall not be a basis of payment, and shall
10 not be included in the computation, of any other type of
11 Government benefit.

12 “(c) TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS RETURNING TO
13 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT.—

14 “(1) REQUIRING REPAYMENT.—Subject to
15 paragraph (2), an eligible employee who has received
16 a voluntary separation incentive payment under this
17 section and accepts employment with the Govern-
18 ment of the United States within 5 years after the
19 date of the separation on which the payment is
20 based shall be required to repay the entire amount
21 of the incentive payment to the Government Printing
22 Office.

23 “(2) WAIVER.—(A) If the employment de-
24 scribed in paragraph (1) is with an Executive agency
25 (as defined by section 105 of title 5, United States

1 Code), the Director of the Office of Personnel Man-
2 agement may, at the request of the head of the
3 agency, waive the repayment if the individual in-
4 volved possesses unique abilities and is the only
5 qualified applicant available for the position.

6 “(B) If the employment described in paragraph
7 (1) is with an entity in the legislative branch, the
8 head of the entity or the appointing official may
9 waive the repayment if the individual involved pos-
10 sesses unique abilities and is the only qualified appli-
11 cant available for the position.

12 “(C) If the employment described in paragraph
13 (1) is with the judicial branch, the Director of the
14 Administrative Office of the United States Courts
15 may waive the repayment if the individual involved
16 possesses unique abilities and is the only qualified
17 applicant available for the position.

18 “(3) TREATMENT OF EMPLOYMENT UNDER
19 PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS.—For purposes of
20 paragraph (1) (but not paragraph (2)), the term
21 ‘employment’ includes employment under a personal
22 services contract with the United States.

23 “(d) ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE DEFINED.—In this sec-
24 tion, the term ‘eligible employee’ means an employee of
25 the Government Printing Office, serving without limita-

1 tion, who has been currently employed for a continuous
2 period of at least 12 months, except that such term shall
3 not include—

4 “(1) a reemployed annuitant under subchapter
5 III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United
6 States Code, or another retirement system for em-
7 ployees of the Government;

8 “(2) an employee having a disability on the
9 basis of which such employee is or would be eligible
10 for disability retirement under any of the retirement
11 systems referred to in subparagraph (A);

12 “(3) an employee who is employed on a tem-
13 porary when actually employed basis.

14 “(e) EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF APPLICABILITY.—
15 The 5-year period referred to in subsection (a) may be
16 extended by the Public Printer for additional 5-year peri-
17 ods if, not later than 90 days prior to the beginning of
18 any such additional 5-year period, the Public Printer noti-
19 fies the Committee on House Administration of the House
20 of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Ad-
21 ministration of the Senate of the Public Printer’s intent
22 to extend the period.

23 **“§ 125. Voluntary early retirement authority**

24 “(a) AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH PROGRAM.—The
25 Public Printer may establish a program under which the

1 Public Printer offers employees the option of exercising
2 voluntary early retirement.

3 “(b) ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAM.—The Public
4 Printer shall carry out the program under this section in
5 accordance with the terms and conditions applicable
6 under—

7 “(1) section 8336(d)(2) of title 5, with respect
8 to employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement
9 System;

10 “(2) section 8414(b)(1)(B) of title 5, with re-
11 spect to employees covered by the Federal Employ-
12 ees Retirement System; and

13 “(3) the regulations promulgated to carry out
14 such sections by the Director of the Office of Per-
15 sonnel Management.

16 **“§ 126. Special police**

17 “(a) AUTHORITY TO APPOINT POLICE.—The Public
18 Printer may designate employees of the Government
19 Printing Office to serve as special police, as both sworn
20 officers and civilian employees, to protect persons and
21 property in premises occupied by or under the control of
22 the GPO and adjacent areas.

23 “(b) POWERS.—Under regulations promulgated by
24 the Public Printer, employees designed as special police
25 are authorized—

1 “(1) to bear and use arms in the performance
2 of their duties;

3 “(2) to make arrest for violations of the laws of
4 the United States, each of the several States, and
5 the District of Columbia; and

6 “(3) to enforce the regulations of the Public
7 Printer, including the removal from GPO premises
8 of individuals who violate such regulations.

9 “(c) CONCURRENT JURISDICTION.—The jurisdiction
10 of special police under this section in premises occupied
11 by or under the control of the GPO and adjacent areas
12 shall be concurrent with the jurisdiction of the respective
13 law enforcement agencies where the premises are located.

14 **“§ 127. Restrictions on detail of employees**

15 “An employee of the Government Printing Office may
16 not be detailed to another office in the executive, legisla-
17 tive, or judicial branch to carry out duties which do not
18 pertain to the functions of GPO unless expressly author-
19 ized by law.

20 **“§ 128. Night work**

21 “The Public Printer shall cause the work of the Gov-
22 ernment Printing Office to be done at night as well as
23 through the day, when the exigencies of the public service
24 require it.

1 “SUBCHAPTER C—INSPECTOR GENERAL

2 “§ 141. **Inspector General; establishment and appoint-**
3 **ment**

4 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT.—There is
5 hereby established in the Government Printing Office the
6 Office of the Inspector General, to be headed by the In-
7 spector General of the Government Printing Office (here-
8 after referred to as the ‘Inspector General’).

9 “(b) APPOINTMENT; QUALIFICATIONS.—The Inspec-
10 tor General shall be appointed by the Public Printer with-
11 out regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis
12 of integrity and demonstrated ability in accounting, audit-
13 ing, financial analysis, law, management analysis, public
14 administration, or investigations.

15 “(c) SERVICE.—The Inspector General shall report
16 to, and be under the general supervision of, the Public
17 Printer. The Public Printer shall have no authority to pre-
18 vent or prohibit the Inspector General from initiating, car-
19 rying out, or completing any audit or investigation, or
20 from issuing any subpoena during the course of any audit
21 or investigation.

22 “(d) REMOVAL.—The Inspector General may be re-
23 moved from office by the Public Printer. The Public Print-
24 er shall, promptly upon such removal, communicate in

1 writing the reasons for any such removal to each House
2 of the Congress.

3 “(e) COMPENSATION.—The Inspector General shall
4 be compensated at an annual rate equal to level III of
5 the Executive Schedule plus 3 percent.

6 **“§ 142. Duties; responsibilities; authorities**

7 “(a) DUTIES.—Sections 4, 5, 6 (other than sub-
8 section (a)(7) and (8) thereof), and 7 of the Inspector
9 General Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–452; 5 U.S.C. App.
10 3) shall apply to the Inspector General of the Government
11 Printing Office and the Office of such Inspector General,
12 and such sections shall be applied to the Government
13 Printing Office and the Public Printer, by substituting—

14 “(1) ‘Government Printing Office’ for ‘estab-
15 lishment’;

16 “(2) ‘Public Printer’ for ‘head of the establish-
17 ment’; and

18 “(3) for purposes of section 6(f) of such Act
19 (relating to the authority to carry a firearm and
20 make arrests), ‘Public Printer’ for ‘Attorney Gen-
21 eral’.

22 “(b) STAFF.—The Public Printer is authorized to se-
23 lect, appoint, and employ such officers and employees as
24 may be necessary for carrying out the functions, powers,
25 and duties of the Office of Inspector General subject to

1 the provisions of this title governing selections, appoint-
2 ments, and employment in the Government Printing Office
3 (and any regulations thereunder).

4 “(c) ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any audits
6 the Inspector General is authorized to conduct under
7 subsection (a), the Inspector General shall audit the
8 financial and operational activities of the GPO each
9 year. For the purposes of such audits, the IG shall
10 have such access to the records, files, personnel, and
11 facilities of the GPO as the Inspector General con-
12 siders appropriate.

13 “(2) REPORT.—The Inspector General shall
14 submit a report on each audit conducted under this
15 subsection to Congress and the Public Printer.

16 **“§ 143. Independence of budget**

17 “(a) PREPARATION OF BUDGET OF OFFICE OF IN-
18 SPECTOR GENERAL.—The Inspector General shall prepare
19 and annually submit to the Public Printer, for inclusion
20 in the annual budget of the GPO, annual estimates of the
21 funds necessary to carry out the activities and personnel
22 requirements of the Office of the Inspector General during
23 the year involved. The Public Printer shall include in the
24 annual budget request for the GPO submitted to the
25 President and Congress the estimates submitted by the

1 Inspector General without revision as the proposed budget
2 for the Office of the Inspector General for the year.

3 “(b) INDEPENDENCE IN EXPENDING FUNDS.—Any
4 amounts provided for the Office of the Inspector General
5 in the annual budget for the GPO for a year may be ex-
6 pended by the Inspector General without the approval or
7 direction of the Public Printer.

8 **“CHAPTER 3—IMPLEMENTATION OF**
9 **AUTHORITIES**

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1 “SUBCHAPTER A—GENERAL AUTHORITIES FOR
2 GOVERNMENT PRINTING

3 **“§ 301. Responsibilities for government printing**

4 “(a) RESPONSIBILITY OF GPO.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-
6 vided in this subchapter, the Government Printing
7 Office is the only entity of the Federal government
8 authorized to produce or procure printing, binding,
9 and blank-book work for each office of the legislative
10 branch, each office of the executive branch (includ-
11 ing independent establishments of the government),
12 and each office of the judicial branch (other than the
13 Supreme Court of the United States).

14 “(2) RESTRICTION ON USE OF APPROPRIATED
15 FUNDS.—Except to the extent permitted under this
16 subchapter, none of the funds appropriated for any
17 fiscal year for the operations of any office of the ex-
18 ecutive branch may be obligated or expended for the
19 production or procurement of any printing, binding,
20 and blank-book work related to the production of
21 any information dissemination product (including an
22 IDP in a printed form) unless such procurement is
23 by or through the Government Printing Office.

24 “(b) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) does not apply
25 with respect to any of the following:

1 “(1) The preparation of an information dis-
2 semination product which is created only for dis-
3 semination through an electronic communications
4 system or network, but only if the office responsible
5 for the product meets the requirements of chapter 5
6 of this title with respect to the product.

7 “(2) Individual production orders by an office
8 of the executive branch costing not more than the
9 greater of \$3,500 or the micro-purchase threshold
10 under section 1902 of title 41, so long as—

11 “(A) the work is not of a continuing or re-
12 petitive nature; and

13 “(B) the Public Printer certifies that the
14 work is included in a class of work which can-
15 not be provided more economically through the
16 GPO,

17 but only if the office responsible for the production
18 order meets the requirements of chapter 5 of this
19 title with respect to the IDP involved.

20 “(3) The production or procurement of print-
21 ing, binding, and blank work for the Central Intel-
22 ligence Agency, the National Geospatial-Intelligence
23 Agency, the National Reconnaissance Office, the De-
24 fense Intelligence Agency, or the National Security
25 Agency.

1 “(4) The production or procurement of print-
2 ing, binding, and blank-book work for the appellate
3 slip opinions of the United States Courts of Appeal
4 and notices of the Bankruptcy Noticing Center, but
5 only if the office responsible for the production of
6 the opinions meets the requirements of chapter 5 of
7 this title with respect to the opinions.

8 **“§ 302. Payment for products and services rendered**

9 “(a) OBLIGATION OF OFFICES TO MAKE PAY-
10 MENT.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—An office of the Federal
12 government ordering products or services provided
13 by the Government Printing Office under this sub-
14 chapter shall make payment for such products or
15 services to the Public Printer or the Public Printer’s
16 designee upon written request, either in advance or
17 upon completion of the work, in an amount equal to
18 all or part of estimated or actual cost, as the case
19 may be. Such payment shall be made promptly by
20 the most efficient means available, including elec-
21 tronic funds transfer.

22 “(2) ADJUSTMENT OF AMOUNTS.—If an adjust-
23 ment is required with respect to a payment made in
24 advance under this section to take into account the
25 actual cost of delivered work, the adjustment shall

1 be made monthly or quarterly, as may be agreed by
2 the Public Printer (or the Public Printer's designee)
3 and the office involved.

4 “(3) SOURCE OF FUNDS USED FOR PAY-
5 MENT.—An office making a payment to the GPO
6 under this section shall make the payment using
7 funds obligated during the fiscal year in which the
8 order was placed.

9 “(b) DEADLINE FOR PRESENTATION OF BILLS.—
10 The Public Printer or the Public Printer's designee shall
11 present a bill to an office for which the GPO has provided
12 products or services under this subchapter not later than
13 90 days after the work has been completed.

14 “(c) NO AUDIT OR CERTIFICATION OF BILLS IN AD-
15 VANCE OF PAYMENT.—Bills presented by the Public
16 Printer or the Public Printer's designee under this section
17 are not subject to audit or certification in advance of pay-
18 ment.

19 **“§ 303. Delegation of authority**

20 “(a) CONDITIONS FOR DELEGATION TO OFFICES.—
21 Subject to subsection (b), at the request of an office of
22 the Federal Government, the Public Printer may delegate
23 to such office the authority of the Public Printer under
24 section 301 to produce or procure printing, binding, and
25 blank-book work with respect to any of the information

1 dissemination products of such office if the office certifies
2 each of the following:

3 “(1) The amount of the work involved does not
4 exceed the simplified purchase threshold under the
5 Federal Acquisition Regulations.

6 “(2) The office shall carry out the work
7 through full and open competition through the use
8 of the competitive procedures required under section
9 304, using the procedure or combination of proce-
10 dures that is best suited to the needs of the office
11 under the circumstances of the work involved.

12 “(3) The office shall make the IDPs involved
13 available to the Sales Program under subchapter D
14 at an incremental cost, as requested by the Public
15 Printer.

16 “(4) The office shall make the IDPs involved
17 available to the Superintendent of Documents at the
18 applicable price described in subsection (a)(2) of sec-
19 tion 503 for inclusion in the national collection of in-
20 formation dissemination products under chapter 5 of
21 this title (including cataloging, indexing, and locator
22 information services under section 506, the online
23 repository under subchapter B of such chapter 5,
24 and the Federal Depository Library Program under
25 subchapter C of such chapter), or has entered into

1 a memorandum of understanding with the Super-
2 intendent of Documents to establish the terms and
3 conditions under which the IDPs will be made avail-
4 able under such chapter.

5 “(b) SPECIAL RULE FOR DELEGATION OF AUTHOR-
6 ITY REGARDING PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL
7 PRINTING AND BINDING PROGRAMS.—

8 “(1) AUTHORITY.—In the case of information
9 dissemination products which are subject to sub-
10 chapter B of this chapter (including the Congres-
11 sional Record), the Clerk of the House of Represent-
12 atives and the Secretary of the Senate may enter
13 into agreements with entities other than the Public
14 Printer for the printing and distribution of such
15 products in accordance with standards established—

16 “(A) by the Clerk, in the case of an IDP
17 of the House of Representatives;

18 “(B) by the Secretary, in the case of an
19 IDP of the Senate; or

20 “(C) by the Clerk and the Secretary joint-
21 ly, in the case of any other IDP.

22 “(2) CRITERIA.—Under the standards estab-
23 lished under paragraph (1)—

24 “(A) the production and procurement of
25 the products shall be carried out under competi-

1 tive practices to the greatest extent practicable
2 consistent with the interest of the Government;
3 and

4 “(B) the entity with whom the agreement
5 is reached shall meet make the IDP involved
6 available to the Superintendent of Documents
7 for inclusion in the national collection of infor-
8 mation dissemination products under chapter 5
9 of this title (including cataloging, indexing, and
10 locator information services under section 506,
11 the online repository under subchapter B of
12 such chapter 5, and the Federal Depository Li-
13 brary Program under subchapter C of such
14 chapter).

15 “(b) DENIAL OF REQUEST FOR DELEGATION.—The
16 Public Printer may not unreasonably deny a request made
17 by an office for the delegation of authority under this sec-
18 tion.

19 “(c) NOTIFICATION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCU-
20 MENTS.—The Public Printer shall promptly notify the Su-
21 perintendent of Documents upon granting any request for
22 the delegation of authority under this section.

23 **“§ 304. Use of competitive procedures**

24 “(a) REQUIRING USE OF COMPETITIVE PROCE-
25 DURES.—Except as provided in this section and notwith-

1 standing any other provision of law, the production or pro-
2 curement of an information dissemination product under
3 this subchapter, whether carried out by the Public Printer
4 or by an office of the executive branch, the legislative
5 branch, or the judicial branch pursuant to a delegation
6 of authority under section 303, shall be carried out using
7 competitive procedures established under regulations pro-
8 mulgated by the Public Printer consistent with the re-
9 quirements of this subchapter.

10 “(b) SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Under the regulations pro-
12 mulgated by the Public Printer to carry out this sec-
13 tion, the Public Printer or the head of an office to
14 whom the Public Printer has delegated authority
15 under section 303 (as the case may be) shall solicit
16 competitive proposals for carrying out the produc-
17 tion or procurement of an information dissemination
18 product.

19 “(2) PERMITTING USE OF SEALED BIDS.—Not-
20 withstanding paragraph (1), the Public Printer or
21 the head of an office may solicit sealed bids for car-
22 rying out production or procurement under this sub-
23 chapter if, in the judgment of the Public Printer or
24 the head of the office—

1 “(A) time permits the solicitation, submis-
2 sion, and evaluation of sealed bids;

3 “(B) the award for the production or pro-
4 curement will be made on the basis of price and
5 other price-related factors;

6 “(C) it is not necessary to review the bids
7 with the bidders; and

8 “(D) there is a reasonable expectation of
9 receiving more than one sealed bid.

10 “(c) ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES.—Notwithstanding
11 subsection (a), the Public Printer or the head of an office
12 to whom the Public Printer has delegated authority under
13 section 303 may use procedures other than the competitive
14 procedures required under this section with respect to the
15 production or procurement of an information dissemina-
16 tion product if any of the following apply:

17 “(1) The property or services needed are avail-
18 able from only one responsible source and no other
19 type of property or service will satisfy the needs of
20 the Public Printer or the head of the office.

21 “(2) The need for the property or services is of
22 such an unusual and compelling urgency that the
23 Government would be seriously injured unless the
24 Public Printer or the head of the office is authorized

1 to limit the number of sources from which the Public
2 Printer or the head of the office solicits bids.

3 “(3) A specified source for the property or serv-
4 ices is expressly authorized under law.

5 “(4) The Public Printer or the head of the of-
6 fice determines that it is necessary in the public in-
7 terest to use procedures other than competitive pro-
8 cedures with respect to the particular procurement
9 concerned.

10 “(d) SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—

11 “(1) USE OF AUTHORITY.—In order to promote
12 efficiency and economy in contracting and to avoid
13 unnecessary burdens for the Government and con-
14 tractors, under the regulations promulgated to carry
15 out this section, the Public Printer shall provide for
16 the use of simplified acquisition procedures for a
17 purchase of property or services under this sub-
18 chapter by the Public Printer or by the head of an
19 office to whom the Public Printer has delegated au-
20 thority under section 303 if the amount of the pur-
21 chase or the value of the contract for the purchase
22 does not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold
23 under section 134 of title 41.

24 “(2) PROHIBITING DIVISION OF PURCHASES OR
25 CONTRACTS.—The Public Printer or the head of an

1 office may not divide a purchase into multiple pur-
2 chases, or divide a contract for a purchase into mul-
3 tiple contracts for a purchase, in order to reduce the
4 amount of the purchase or contract to an amount
5 equal to or greater than the simplified acquisition
6 threshold under section 134 of title 41.

7 “(3) USE OF COMPETITIVE PROCEDURES.—
8 Under the regulations promulgated to carry out this
9 section, the Public Printer or the head of an office
10 using the simplified acquisition procedures under
11 this section shall apply such procedures in a manner
12 which promotes competition to the greatest extent
13 practicable.

14 **“§ 305. Printing and binding for the President**

15 “In addition to producing and procuring information
16 dissemination products for the executive branch, the Pub-
17 lic Printer shall execute such printing and binding for the
18 President as the President may order and make requisi-
19 tion for.

20 **“§ 306. Paper and envelopes for government agencies**
21 **in National Capital Region**

22 “The Public Printer may procure and furnish, on req-
23 uisition, paper and envelopes (not including envelopes
24 printed in the course of manufacture) in common use by
25 two or more departments, establishments, or services of

1 the Government in the National Capital Region (as de-
2 fined in section 8702(3) of title 40) and reimbursement
3 shall be made to the Public Printer from appropriations
4 or fund available for the purpose.

5 **“§ 307. Retention of products for use of Government**
6 **Printing Office**

7 “Out of each information dissemination product pro-
8 duced or procured by the Public Printer under this chap-
9 ter, the Public Printer may retain such number of copies
10 as the Public Printer determines necessary for the official
11 use of the Government Printing Office.

12 **“§ 308. Regulations**

13 “In accordance with the requirements of chapter 1,
14 the Public Printer shall promulgate such regulations as
15 may be necessary to carry out this subchapter, including
16 regulations with respect to the delegation of authority
17 under section 303.

18 **“SUBCHAPTER B—CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING**
19 **AND BINDING**

20 **“§ 321. Congressional printing and binding programs**

21 “(a) **AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC PRINTER.**—The Public
22 Printer is authorized to perform printing, binding, and
23 other activities necessary for the production and procure-
24 ment of information dissemination products of Congress,
25 and for the dissemination of such products without charge

1 to the recipients, in accordance with the requirements of
2 this subchapter and (in the case of the Congressional
3 Record) the requirements of subchapter C.

4 “(b) SPECIFIC PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED.—In car-
5 rying out this subchapter, the Public Printer may carry
6 out each of the following programs:

7 “(1) The Congressional Record program (in ac-
8 cordance with subchapter C).

9 “(2) A program to produce and procure mis-
10 cellaneous information dissemination products of
11 Congress, including the Congressional Directory, the
12 Senate and House Journals, memorial addresses of
13 Members of Congress, and serial sets and IDPs not
14 carrying a document or report number, such as laws,
15 treaties, and similar IDPs.

16 “(3) A program of miscellaneous printing, pub-
17 lishing, and other services, including letterheads, en-
18 velopes, blank paper, miscellaneous services, blank
19 forms, composition and content management, con-
20 tinuity of operations-related expenses for the support
21 of Congress, and binding for Congress.

22 “(4) A program to detail employees of the Gov-
23 ernment Printing Office to offices of Congress.

24 “(5) A program to produce and procure docu-
25 ment envelopes and franks for mailing of Congres-

1 sional documents, whether printed individually or in
2 sheets with perforations.

3 “(6) A program to produce and procure Busi-
4 ness and Committee Calendars for Congress which
5 list actions on pending and completed legislation.

6 “(7) A program to publish bills, resolutions,
7 and amendments for Congress in all forms, including
8 prints as introduced, referred, reported, and passed,
9 as well as slip form copies of public and private
10 laws, postal conventions, and treaties.

11 “(8) A program to publish reports of Commit-
12 tees of Congress, including joint and select commit-
13 tees of Congress.

14 “(9) A program to publish other classes of doc-
15 uments ordered to be published by a House of Con-
16 gress which carry a Congressional number, including
17 annual reports, engineers’ reports, special reports
18 made by Government departments in response to
19 resolutions, and supplemental and deficiency esti-
20 mates of appropriations.

21 “(10) A program to publish the transcripts of
22 hearings of Committees of Congress.

23 “(11) A program to publish IDPs and other
24 materials for the internal use of Committees of Con-
25 gress.

1 “(12) Such other programs involving the pro-
2 duction or procurement of IDPs and other material
3 for Congress as the Public Printer may from time
4 to time establish as new programs or as replace-
5 ments for another program described in this sub-
6 section, or as the Clerk of the House of Representa-
7 tives or the Secretary of the Senate may request.

8 “(c) SPECIAL RULES FOR ACTS AND TREATIES.—

9 “(1) ACTS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.—For pur-
10 poses of paragraph (7) of subsection (b), the Archi-
11 vist of the United States shall furnish to the Public
12 Printer a copy of every Act and joint resolution, as
13 soon as possible after its approval by the President,
14 or after it has become a law under the Constitution
15 without his approval. The Public Printer, on receiv-
16 ing from the Archivist of the United States a copy
17 of an Act or joint resolution, shall print an accurate
18 copy and transmit it in duplicate to the Archivist of
19 the United States for revision. On the return of one
20 of the revised duplicates, he shall make the marked
21 corrections and print the number required under
22 this subchapter.

23 “(2) TREATIES.—For purposes of paragraph
24 (7) of subsection (b), the Secretary of State shall
25 furnish to the Public Printer a copy of each treaty,

1 as soon as possible after ratification. The Public
2 Printer, on receiving from the Secretary of State
3 such copy, shall print an accurate copy and transmit
4 it in duplicate to the Secretary of State for revision.
5 On the return of one of the revised duplicates, he
6 shall make the marked corrections and print the
7 number required under this subchapter.

8 “(d) ROLE OF CLERK OF HOUSE AND SECRETARY
9 OF SENATE.—Except as may otherwise be provided in this
10 subchapter, the Public Printer shall carry out the pro-
11 grams described in subsection (b) in consultation with the
12 Clerk of the House of Representatives (in the case of pro-
13 grams involving the House) and the Secretary of the Sen-
14 ate (in the case of programs involving the Senate).

15 “(e) USE OF SEPARATE APPROPRIATION AS SOURCE
16 OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT.—The costs of carrying out the
17 programs described in subsection (b) shall be paid solely
18 from a separate appropriation made for congressional
19 printing and binding.

20 **“§ 322. Style, form, and manner of products**

21 “(a) PRODUCTS OF A SINGLE HOUSE OF CON-
22 GRESS.—The style, form, and manner of the printing of
23 an information dissemination product (including franks
24 and envelopes) which is authorized by a single House of

1 Congress shall be determined at the beginning of the Con-
2 gress—

3 “(1) in the case of an IDP of the House of
4 Representatives, by the Committee on House Admin-
5 istration of the House of Representatives, upon rec-
6 ommendation from the Clerk of the House; or

7 “(2) in the case of an IDP of the Senate, by
8 the Committee on Rules and Administration of the
9 Senate, upon recommendation from the Secretary of
10 the Senate.

11 “(b) JOINT PRODUCTS.—The style, form, and man-
12 ner of the printing of an information dissemination prod-
13 uct which is authorized jointly by the House of Represent-
14 atives and the Senate during a Congress shall be deter-
15 mined at the beginning of the Congress by the Committee
16 on House Administration and the Committee on Rules and
17 Administration, acting jointly, upon recommendations
18 made jointly by the Clerk of the House and the Secretary
19 of the Senate.

20 “(c) CONTINUATION OF EXISTING STYLE, FORM,
21 AND MANNER.—Until the style, form, and manner of the
22 printing of an IDP (including franks and envelopes) is es-
23 tablished for a Congress under this section, the style,
24 form, and manner of the printing of the IDP as estab-

1 lished in the immediately previous Congress shall remain
2 in effect.

3 “(d) PRINTING IN MULTIPLE EDITIONS.—An IDP
4 which is subject to this subchapter may be printed in 2
5 or more editions to meet public requirements, in accord-
6 ance with rules established—

7 “(1) in the case of an IDP of the House of
8 Representatives, by the Committee on House Admin-
9 istration of the House of Representatives;

10 “(2) in the case of an IDP of the Senate, by
11 the Committee on Rules and Administration of the
12 Senate; or

13 “(3) in the case of an IDP which is authorized
14 jointly by the House and Senate, by the Committee
15 on House Administration and the Committee on
16 Rules and Administration, acting jointly.

17 **“§ 323. Determination of number of printed copies of**
18 **documents and reports of Congress**

19 “(a) USUAL NUMBER.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Public Printer shall
21 print a number of copies of each report or other doc-
22 ument of Congress equal to the usual number, as de-
23 termined at the beginning of a Congress—

24 “(A) by the Clerk of the House of Rep-
25 resentatives (in accordance with guidelines

1 issued by the Committee on House Administra-
2 tion of the House of Representatives), in the
3 case of a report or other document of the
4 House;

5 “(B) by the Secretary of the Senate (in ac-
6 cordance with guidelines issued by the Com-
7 mittee on Rules and Administration of the Sen-
8 ate), in the case of a report or other document
9 of the Senate; or

10 “(C) by the Clerk and the Secretary acting
11 jointly (in accordance with guidelines issued
12 jointly by the Committee on House Administra-
13 tion and the Committee on Rules and Adminis-
14 tration), in the case of any other document or
15 report of Congress.

16 “(2) CONTINUATION OF NUMBER FROM PRE-
17 VIOUS CONGRESS.—Until the usual number is estab-
18 lished for a Congress under this subsection, the
19 usual number as established in the immediately pre-
20 vious Congress shall remain in effect.

21 “(b) ARCHIVAL NUMBER.—

22 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL COP-
23 IES.—In addition to the usual number of copies
24 under subsection (a), the Public Printer may print
25 and bind an archival number of copies of each report

1 or other document of Congress for the use of each
2 House of Congress for purposes of research and
3 long-term storage.

4 “(2) DETERMINATION OF ARCHIVAL NUM-
5 BER.—The archival number of copies of a report or
6 other document shall be determined—

7 “(A) by the Committee on House Adminis-
8 tration of the House of Representatives, in the
9 case of a report or other document of the
10 House;

11 “(B) by the Committee on Rules and Ad-
12 ministration of the Senate, in the case of a re-
13 port or other document of the Senate; or

14 “(C) the Committee on House Administra-
15 tion and the Committee on Rules and Adminis-
16 tration acting jointly, in the case of any other
17 document or report of Congress.

18 “(3) STANDARDS FOR TANGIBLE COPIES.—

19 “(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1
20 year after the effective date of the **[(insert short**
21 **title of bill)]**, the Public Printer, in consultation
22 with the Archivist of the United States, the Li-
23 brarian of Congress, and other appropriate
24 stakeholders (as identified by the Public Print-
25 er), shall establish standards for tangible archi-

1 val copies of reports and other documents of
2 Congress for purposes of this subsection, and
3 shall review such standards every 10 years
4 thereafter.

5 “(B) REVIEW OF EXISTING DOCUMENTS.—
6 Not later than 1 year after the establishment of
7 the standards described in subparagraph (A),
8 the Public Printer, in coordination with the
9 Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the
10 Senate, shall analyze the extent to which exist-
11 ing reports or other documents of Congress fail
12 to meet such standards and submit a report to
13 the Committee on House Administration and
14 the Committee on Rules and Administration
15 containing such recommendations as the Public
16 Printer considers appropriate in response.

17 “(c) COPIES FOR USE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF
18 DOCUMENTS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the usual
20 number of copies under subsection (a) and the archi-
21 val number of copies under subsection (b), the Pub-
22 lic Printer shall print such number of copies of each
23 report or other document of Congress as the Super-
24 intendent of Documents may establish for purposes

1 of furnishing such documents for the Federal Depos-
2 itory Library Program under chapter 5 of this title.

3 “(2) FORMAT; BINDING.—The Public Printer
4 shall provide the Superintendent of Documents with
5 the copies required under this section in unbound
6 form as soon as practicable after printing is com-
7 pleted, except that any report or other document of
8 sufficient size on any one subject (as established by
9 the Superintendent) shall be bound separately and
10 receive the title suggested by the subject of the vol-
11 ume. The Public Printer shall provide that the
12 bound sets of such reports or other documents are
13 arranged in volumes and bound in a practical and
14 economical manner as established by the Super-
15 intendent.

16 “(d) ADDITIONAL COPIES FOR USE OF CONGRESS
17 AFTER EXHAUSTION OF INITIAL PRINTING.—After the
18 supply of printed copies of a report or other document of
19 Congress made under this section is exhausted, the Public
20 Printer shall reprint an additional number of copies of the
21 report or document as follows:

22 “(1) In the case of a document or report of the
23 House of Representatives, at the direction of the
24 Clerk of the House and in such number as the Com-

1 made of an information dissemination product under this
2 subchapter among offices of Congress in accordance with
3 a distribution schedule established for the Congress—

4 “(1) by the Committee on House Administra-
5 tion of the House of Representatives, in the case of
6 an IDP of the House;

7 “(2) in the case of an IDP of the Senate, by
8 the Committee on Rules and Administration of the
9 Senate, in the case of an IDP of the Senate; or

10 “(3) by the Committee on House Administra-
11 tion and the Committee on Rules and Administra-
12 tion, acting jointly, in the case of any other IDP.

13 “(b) MECHANISMS FOR DISTRIBUTION.—The appro-
14 priate mechanism for the distribution of copies under sub-
15 section (a) shall be determined—

16 “(1) by the Committee on House Administra-
17 tion, in the case of the distribution of copies to of-
18 fices of the House; or

19 “(2) by the Committee on Rules and Adminis-
20 tration, in the case of the distribution of copies to
21 offices of the Senate.

22 **“§ 325. Special rules for certain documents and prod-**
23 **ucts**

24 “(a) CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTORY.—Under the direc-
25 tion of the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the

1 Secretary of the Senate (acting jointly), the Public Printer
2 may prepare and print a Congressional Directory, includ-
3 ing supplements and updates, in such number and with
4 such distribution as the Clerk and Secretary may require.

5 “(b) FRANKS AND ENVELOPES.—

6 “(1) AUTHORITY TO PRINT AT REQUEST OF
7 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—At the request of a Mem-
8 ber of Congress, acting through the Clerk of the
9 House of Representatives (in the case of a Member
10 of the House) or the Secretary of the Senate (in the
11 case of a Senator), the Public Printer shall provide
12 for the printing of envelopes and stationery con-
13 taining the Member’s frank for the use of the Mem-
14 ber, in accordance with guidelines issued—

15 “(A) by the Committee on House Adminis-
16 tration of the House of Representatives, in the
17 case of a Member of the House; or

18 “(B) by the Committee on Rules and Ad-
19 ministration of the Senate, in the case of a Sen-
20 ator.

21 “(2) PAYMENT OF COSTS.—The guidelines
22 issued pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include re-
23 quirements relating to the payment of the costs in-
24 curred in printing the materials described in such
25 paragraph.

1 “(c) HOUSE AND SENATE MANUALS.—

2 “(1) RULES AND MANUAL OF THE HOUSE.—At
3 the request of the Clerk of the House of Representa-
4 tives, the Public Printer shall print such number of
5 copies of the Rules and Manual of the House as the
6 Clerk may require.

7 “(2) SENATE MANUAL.—At the request of the
8 Secretary of the Senate, the Public Printer shall
9 print such number of copies of the Senate Manual
10 as the Secretary may require.

11 “(d) JOURNALS OF HOUSES OF CONGRESS.—

12 “(1) PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION.—At the be-
13 ginning of each Congress, the Public Printer shall
14 print the Journals of the Senate and House of Rep-
15 resentatives for distribution to—

16 “(A) the Senate document room, for dis-
17 tribution to Senators;

18 “(B) the Senate Library;

19 “(C) the Office of the Secretary of the
20 Senate;

21 “(D) the Clerk of the House of Represent-
22 atives, for distribution to Members and for
23 other purposes established by the Clerk;

24 “(E) the House Library; and

1 “(F) other recipients as may be necessary
2 to fulfill standing orders or as may be required
3 under law.

4 “(2) NUMBER OF COPIES.—The number of cop-
5 ies of the Journals of the Senate and House of Rep-
6 resentatives which are printed under this subsection
7 shall be such number as may be determined—

8 “(A) by the Committee on House Adminis-
9 tration of the House, in the case of the Journal
10 of the House; or

11 “(B) by the Committee on Rules and Ad-
12 ministration of the Senate, in the case of the
13 Journal of the Senate.

14 “(3) ALTERNATIVE FORMATS PERMITTED.—

15 “(A) HOUSE.—As directed by the Com-
16 mittee on House Administration of the House,
17 the Clerk of the House may publish the Journal
18 of the House in an alternative form or format.

19 “(B) SENATE.—As directed by the Com-
20 mittee on Rules and Administration of the Sen-
21 ate, the Secretary of the Senate may publish
22 the Journal of the Senate in an alternative
23 form or format.

24 “(e) STATIONERY AND BLANK BOOKS.—Upon req-
25 uisition of the Clerk of the House of Representatives or

1 the Secretary of the Senate (as the case may be) the Pub-
2 lic Printer shall furnish stationery, blank books, tables,
3 forms, and other necessary papers preparatory to legisla-
4 tion as may be required for the official use of the House
5 of Representatives and Senate, or committees and officers
6 of the House and Senate. Nothing in the previous sentence
7 may be construed to prevent the purchase by the officers
8 of the Senate and House of Representatives of stationery
9 and blank books necessary for sale to Senators and Mem-
10 bers in the stationery rooms of the two Houses as provided
11 by law.

12 “(f) UNITED STATES STATUTES AT LARGE.—

13 “(1) RESTRICTION ON DISTRIBUTION OF PRINT-
14 ED COPIES.—The printed, bound copies of the
15 United States Statues at Large may be distributed
16 only to leadership offices (as determined with re-
17 spect to a Congress by the Committee on House Ad-
18 ministration of the House of Representatives in the
19 case of offices of the House, and by the Committee
20 on Rules and Administration of the Senate in the
21 case of offices of the Senate), the Parliamentarians
22 of the House and Senate, the Law Revision Counsel,
23 the General Counsels of the House and Senate, and
24 such other legislative offices as the Committee on

1 House Administration and the Committee on Rule
2 and Administration may direct.

3 “(2) REFERENCES IN MARGIN.—The Archivist
4 of the United States shall include in the references
5 in margins of the United States Statutes at Large
6 the number of the bill or joint resolution (desig-
7 nating ‘S.’ for a Senate bill, ‘H.R.’ for a House bill,
8 ‘S.J. Res.’ for a Senate joint resolution, and ‘H.J.
9 Res.’ for a House joint resolution, as the case may
10 be) under which each Act was approved and became
11 a law, and shall place such information within brack-
12 ets immediately under the date of the approval of
13 the Act at the beginning of each Act as printed.

14 **“§ 326. Lapse of authority to print**

15 “(a) LAPSE OF AUTHORITY AFTER 2 YEARS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The authority to print an
17 information dissemination product which is subject
18 to this subchapter shall lapse if the printing is not
19 completed prior to the expiration of the 2-year pe-
20 riod which begins on the date the IDP is authorized
21 to be printed.

22 “(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) does not
23 apply to the printed, bound copies of the United
24 States Statutes at Large or the permanent version
25 of the Congressional Record.

1 “(b) WAIVER.—Subsection (a) may be waived with
2 respect to an IDP upon the direction of—

3 “(1) the Committee on House Administration of
4 the House of Representatives, in the case of an IDP
5 of the House;

6 “(2) the Committee on Rules and Administra-
7 tion of the Senate, in the case of an IDP of the Sen-
8 ate; or

9 “(3) the Committee on House Administration
10 and the Committee on Rules and Administration
11 acting jointly, in the case of any other IDP.

12 **“§ 327. Binding of documents for Members of Con-**
13 **gress**

14 “(a) AUTHORIZATION OF BINDING.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—At the request of a Mem-
16 ber of Congress, acting through the Clerk of the
17 House of Representatives (in the case of a Member
18 of the House) or the Secretary of the Senate (in the
19 case of a Senator), and upon payment of the actual
20 cost of the binding, the Public Printer may bind a
21 book, map, chart, or other document which is sub-
22 ject to this subchapter for the use of the Member.

23 “(2) RULES.—The Committee on House Ad-
24 ministration of the House of Representatives and
25 the Committee on Rules and Administration of the

1 Senate shall establish rules to govern the use of the
2 services provided under this section to Members of
3 the House and Senators (as the case may be).

4 “(b) BINDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARIES.—
5 Upon requisition of the Clerk of the House of Representa-
6 tives or the Secretary of the Senate (as the case may be),
7 the Public Printer may bind books for the library of a
8 House of Congress, subject to the approval of the Com-
9 mittee on House Administration of the House of Rep-
10 resentatives (in the case of the Clerk) or the Committee
11 on Rules and Administration of the Senate (in the case
12 of the Senate).

13 “SUBCHAPTER C—CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

14 “§ 341. **Production of Congressional Record**

15 “(a) PRODUCTION.—In accordance with this sub-
16 chapter and subject to the requirements of this chapter,
17 chapter 1, and chapter 5 of this title, the Public Printer
18 shall produce the Congressional Record.

19 “(b) CONTENTS.—The public proceedings of each
20 House of Congress, as reported by the Official Reporters,
21 shall be included in the Congressional Record and pub-
22 lished in a digital format for purposes of chapter 5 of this
23 title, and shall be issued in daily form during each session
24 and shall be revised and made available promptly for elec-
25 tronic distribution during and after the close of each ses-

1 sion of Congress. The daily and the permanent Record
2 shall bear the same date, which shall be that of the actual
3 day's proceedings reported.

4 “(c) PRINTING.—Except to the extent permitted
5 under this chapter and chapter 5 of this title, the Govern-
6 ment Printing Office shall not print the Congressional
7 Record.

8 **“§ 342. Style, form, and manner**

9 “(a) DETERMINATION.—

10 “(1) ROLE OF COMMITTEES.—The style, form,
11 and manner of the printing of the Congressional
12 Record during a Congress shall be determined at the
13 beginning of the Congress by the Committee on
14 House Administration of the House of Representa-
15 tives and the Committee on Rules and Administra-
16 tion of the Senate, acting jointly.

17 “(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF METHODS OF
18 SEARCHING AND INDEXING BY PUBLIC PRINTER.—
19 The Public Printer shall establish appropriate regu-
20 lations to facilitate the searching and indexing of the
21 Congressional Record, including by electronic meth-
22 ods, and to establish a form of an automatic index
23 of the Record.

24 “(b) CRITERIA.—In carrying out this section, the
25 Committees referred to in subsection (a) shall take all

1 needed action for the reduction of unnecessary bulk while
2 ensuring that the Congressional Record is substantially a
3 verbatim report of proceedings.

4 “(c) CONTINUATION OF EXISTING STYLE, FORM,
5 AND MANNER.—Until the style, form, and manner of the
6 printing of the Congressional Record is established for a
7 Congress under this section, the style, form, and manner
8 of the printing of the Congressional Record as established
9 in the immediately previous Congress shall remain in ef-
10 fect.

11 **“§ 343. Inclusion of other material**

12 “(a) RESTRICTIONS ON INCLUSION OF MAPS, DIA-
13 GRAMS, AND ILLUSTRATIONS.—Maps, diagrams, and illus-
14 trations may not be inserted in the Congressional Record
15 without the approval of—

16 “(1) the Committee on House Administration of
17 the House of Representatives, in the portion of the
18 Record relating to proceedings of the House of Rep-
19 resentatives; or

20 “(2) the Committee on Rules and Administra-
21 tion of the Senate, in the portion of the Record re-
22 lating to proceedings of the Senate.

23 “(b) ADDITIONAL INSERTIONS.—Material other than
24 the proceedings of Congress may be printed in the Con-

1 gressional Record at such time and in accordance with
2 such schedule as may be established—

3 “(1) by the Committee on House Administra-
4 tion of the House of Representatives, in the case of
5 material printed in the portion of the Record relat-
6 ing to the proceedings of the House; or

7 “(2) by the Committee on Rules and Adminis-
8 tration of the Senate, in the case of material printed
9 in the portion of the Record relating to the pro-
10 ceedings of the Senate.

11 **“§ 344. Printing and delivering extracts of Record for**
12 **Members of Congress**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Public Printer may print
14 and deliver, upon the order of a Member of Congress, act-
15 ing through the Clerk of the House of Representatives (in
16 the case of a Member of the House) or the Secretary of
17 the Senate (in the case of a Senator), and payment in
18 advance of the cost, extracts from the Congressional
19 Record.

20 “(b) USE OF ENVELOPES.—The Public Printer may
21 provide for a franked envelope for the mailing of an ex-
22 tract under subsection (a), upon the order of a Member
23 of Congress, acting through the Clerk of the House of
24 Representatives (in the case of a Member of the House)
25 or the Secretary of the Senate (in the case of a Senator),

1 in accordance with the criteria applicable under this chap-
2 ter for publishing and providing such envelopes.

3 **“§ 345. Delivery and distribution of copies**

4 “(a) GRATUITOUS COPIES FOR MEMBERS OF CON-
5 GRESS.—Consistent with subchapter B of this chapter, the
6 Public Printer shall furnish printed copies of the daily and
7 bound editions of the Congressional Record to Members
8 of Congress and offices of Congress at such times and in
9 such quantities as may be established—

10 “(1) by the Committee on House Administra-
11 tion of the House of Representatives, in the case of
12 Members and offices of the House of Representa-
13 tives; and

14 “(2) by the Committee on Rules and Adminis-
15 tration of the Senate, in the case of Senators and
16 offices of the Senate.

17 “(b) DISTRIBUTION TO OTHER OFFICES OF THE
18 GOVERNMENT.—The Public Printer may furnish printed
19 copies of the daily and bound editions of the Congressional
20 Record to such other offices of the Government that are
21 not described in subsection (a) as the Committee on House
22 Administration and the Committee on Rules and Adminis-
23 tration, acting jointly, may direct, at such times and in
24 such quantities as such Committees may establish.

1 “SUBCHAPTER D—SALES PROGRAM

2 **“§ 361. Sales program**

3 “(a) AUTHORIZATION OF SALES PROGRAM.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Public Printer shall
5 operate a program for the sale of information dis-
6 semination products to the public.

7 “(2) FORMAT OF PRODUCTS OFFERED.—The
8 Public Printer may offer products for sale under the
9 program in any form or format (including tangible
10 and electronic), except that if the Public Printer
11 makes alterations to the product by reformatting or
12 otherwise manipulating the original form or format
13 of the content of the product to prepare it for sale,
14 the Public Printer must disclose such alterations on
15 the product.

16 “(3) EXCLUSION OF CONFIDENTIAL MATE-
17 RIALS.—The Public Printer may not offer any prod-
18 uct for sale under the program if the product is con-
19 fidential in nature.

20 “(b) ACQUISITION OF PRODUCTS.—

21 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL PRODUC-
22 TION OR PROCUREMENT.—The Public Printer may
23 produce or procure additional copies of IDPs for the
24 use of the sales program, so long as such production
25 or procurement does not interfere with the prompt

1 execution of IDP production or procurement for the
2 Government.

3 “(2) REPRINTING OF DOCUMENTS.—In the case
4 of an IDP which consists of a document, the Public
5 Printer may from time to time reprint additional
6 copies of the document for sale under the program,
7 so long as the Public Printer notifies the office
8 which created the IDP.

9 “(3) BLANK FORMS.—The Public Printer may
10 print additional copies of approved Government
11 forms for sale to the public under the sales program.

12 “(c) RESALE BY COMMERCIAL VENDORS.—

13 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF RESALE.—As part of
14 the sales program, the Public Printer may authorize
15 the resale of IDPs by book dealers and other com-
16 mercial vendors, under such terms and conditions as
17 the Public Printer may establish.

18 “(2) NO EFFECT ON PUBLIC ACCESS.—Nothing
19 in paragraph (1) may be construed to remove any
20 IDP which is subject to resale under such paragraph
21 (including the original text and the underlying data)
22 from the public domain, or to waive any requirement
23 that the IDP be available for no-fee public access
24 under chapter 5.

1 **“§ 362. Determination of costs of products**

2 “(a) OPERATION OF PROGRAM ON SELF-SUSTAINING
3 BASIS.—To the greatest extent feasible, the Public Printer
4 shall operate the sales program under this subchapter on
5 a self-sustaining basis, so that the prices of the informa-
6 tion dissemination products sold will cover the cost of pro-
7 curement or production, dissemination, and other appro-
8 priate costs associated with of the program as determined
9 by the Public Printer, including the offering of sales dis-
10 counts.

11 “(b) SPECIAL RULE FOR FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LI-
12 BRARY PROGRAM.—The Public Printer shall ensure that
13 any IDP (regardless of form or format) which is made
14 available for sale under the sales program is offered to
15 the Superintendent of Documents for purposes of chapter
16 5 of this title at no greater than the applicable price de-
17 scribed in subsection (a)(2) of section 503.

18 **“§ 363. Inventory**

19 “(a) ANNUAL INVENTORY.—The Public Printer shall
20 conduct an inventory of the sales program under this sub-
21 chapter each fiscal year and use the results of the inven-
22 tory to determine stock levels necessary for the next year.

23 “(b) DESTRUCTION OR REMAINDERING OF INVEN-
24 TORY.—Prior to destroying or remaindering any inventory
25 of IDPs, the Public Printer shall first offer the inventory
26 at no cost to—

1 “(1) the Superintendent of Documents for pur-
2 poses of chapter 5 of this title; and

3 “(2) if the Superintendent rejects the offer, the
4 office which created the IDPs.

5 **“CHAPTER 5—NO-FEE PUBLIC ACCESS TO**
6 **GOVERNMENT INFORMATION**

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1 “SUBCHAPTER A—NATIONAL COLLECTION OF
2 INFORMATION DISSEMINATION PRODUCTS

3 **“§ 501. Findings; purpose**

4 “(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 “(1) The free flow of government information is
6 fundamental to a democratic society, and members
7 of the public have a right of access to government
8 information.

9 “(2) The Federal Depository Library Program
10 is an essential means by which members of the pub-
11 lic access government information. These libraries
12 partner with the Government Printing Office and of-
13 fices of the Federal Government to ensure that
14 members of the public throughout the United States
15 have effective, no-fee access to government informa-
16 tion.

17 “(3) The majority of government information
18 produced is in electronic format. As a result, 97%
19 of the information available through the Federal De-
20 pository Library Program is in electronic format.

21 “(4) Government has a responsibility to dis-
22 seminate information in order to ensure that mem-
23 bers of the public are fully aware of the activities of
24 their government, to spur innovation and research,
25 and to promote good government.

1 “(b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this chapter to
2 promote the greatest possible public access to information
3 dissemination products by authorizing the Superintendent
4 of Documents to—

5 “(1) establish a national collection of informa-
6 tion dissemination products and to provide no-fee,
7 permanent public access to such collection through
8 an online repository established and operated by the
9 Public Printer under subchapter B and through the
10 Federal Depository Library Program under sub-
11 chapter C;

12 “(2) carry out a cataloging and indexing pro-
13 gram for the products in such national collection;
14 and

15 “(3) carry out a by-law distribution program
16 and an international exchange service program
17 under subchapter D.

18 **“§ 502. National collection of information dissemina-**
19 **tion products**

20 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF COLLECTION.—In accord-
21 ance with this subchapter, the Superintendent of Docu-
22 ments shall establish a comprehensive, national collection
23 of information dissemination products which are deter-
24 mined to be appropriate for inclusion in the collection, and
25 shall make such collection available to the public through

1 the online repository established and operated by the Pub-
2 lic Printer under subchapter B and through the Federal
3 Depository Library Program under subchapter C.

4 “(b) DETERMINATION OF PRODUCTS TO BE IN-
5 CLUDED IN COLLECTION.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
7 graph (4), the determination regarding whether or
8 not an information dissemination product is appro-
9 priate for inclusion in the national collection under
10 this subchapter shall be made jointly by the Super-
11 intendent of Documents and the applicable official.

12 “(2) GUIDANCE.—The Superintendent of Docu-
13 ments shall issue guidance to offices on the types or
14 characteristics of information dissemination products
15 that the Superintendent considers generally appro-
16 priate for inclusion in the national collection.

17 “(3) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The Superintendent
18 of Documents or the appropriate official shall rec-
19 ommend information dissemination products for in-
20 clusion in the national collection.

21 “(4) SPECIAL RULE FOR PRODUCTS MADE
22 AVAILABLE ON WEBSITES OF OFFICES.—In the case
23 of an information dissemination product which an
24 office disseminates in electronic form to the public at
25 no cost, the Superintendent may make the deter-

1 mination under paragraph (1) without the participa-
2 tion of the applicable official.

3 “(5) LIST OF PRODUCTS NOT INCLUDED.—The
4 Superintendent of Documents shall publish a list,
5 not less frequently than annually, of the titles of in-
6 formation dissemination products about which the
7 Superintendent and the appropriate official have not
8 reached a joint determination regarding whether or
9 not the product is appropriate for inclusion in the
10 national collection.

11 “(c) APPLICABLE OFFICIAL DEFINED.—In this sub-
12 chapter, the ‘applicable official’ with respect to an infor-
13 mation dissemination product is as follows:

14 “(1) In the case of an IDP originating in an of-
15 fice of the executive branch, the head of the office
16 in which the IDP originated.

17 “(2) In the case of an IDP originating in an of-
18 fice of the legislative branch, the head of the office
19 in which the IDP originated, except that—

20 “(A) if the IDP originated in an office of
21 the House of Representatives, the ‘applicable
22 official’ is the Clerk of the House of Represent-
23 atives; and

1 “(B) if the IDP originated in the Senate,
2 the ‘applicable official’ is the Secretary of the
3 Senate.

4 “(3) In the case of an IDP originating in the
5 judicial branch, the Director of the Administrative
6 Office of the United States Courts or the Clerk of
7 the United States Supreme Court (as the case may
8 be).

9 **“§ 503. Responsibility of offices of Government to fur-**
10 **nish products to Superintendent of Docu-**
11 **ments**

12 “(a) REQUIREMENT TO FURNISH PRODUCTS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If an office of the Federal
14 government produces or procures an information dis-
15 semination product, regardless of form or format,
16 the applicable official shall furnish the product to
17 the Superintendent of Documents for inclusion in
18 the national collection established and maintained
19 under this subchapter at the applicable price de-
20 scribed in paragraph (2), not later than the date on
21 which the product is made available to the public.

22 “(2) APPLICABLE PRICE DESCRIBED.—In para-
23 graph (1), the ‘applicable price’ with respect to an
24 information dissemination product is—

1 “(A) in the case of a product in electronic
2 form which the office involved disseminates to
3 the public at no cost, \$0; or

4 “(B) in the case of any other product, such
5 price as may be appropriate, but not to exceed
6 the actual cost to the office involved of pro-
7 ducing an additional copy of the product.

8 “(b) FORM AND FORMAT.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In furnishing an informa-
10 tion dissemination product to the Superintendent of
11 Documents under this subchapter, the applicable of-
12 ficial shall deposit with and notify the Super-
13 intendent of digital or tangible (as applicable)
14 versions of such IDP, regardless of the form or for-
15 mat of the product, in such manner as will enable
16 the Superintendent to perform cataloging, indexing,
17 and locator services with respect to the IDP under
18 section 506.

19 “(2) SPECIAL RULE FOR INCOMPATIBLE FOR-
20 MATS.—

21 “(A) PROVIDING LOCATION AND ACCESS.—

22 If the form or format of an IDP is not compat-
23 ible with the electronic systems of the Govern-
24 ment Printing Office, the applicable official
25 shall meet the requirements of this section by

1 providing the Superintendent with information
2 on where the content of the IDP is held and
3 how the Superintendent may access the content,
4 and by providing access to and preserving the
5 content of the IDP.

6 “(B) CATALOGING, PUBLIC ACCESS, AND
7 PRESERVATION.—The Superintendent, in con-
8 sultation with the applicable official, shall deter-
9 mine the best method to catalog, provide public
10 access to (including through the Federal Depos-
11 itory Library Program under subchapter C),
12 and preserve an IDP which is subject to sub-
13 paragraph (A).

14 “(c) NOTIFICATIONS REGARDING CHANGES IN PRO-
15 Duction OR Procurement OF PRODUCTS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The applicable official shall
17 immediately notify the Superintendent of the intent
18 of an office to produce or procure, substantially
19 modify, or terminate the production of an informa-
20 tion dissemination product, regardless of form or
21 format, in order to enable the Superintendent to
22 continue to provide public access to the product
23 under this chapter, including access through the
24 Federal Depository Library Program under sub-
25 chapter C at the applicable price described in sub-

1 section (a)(2). Nothing in this paragraph shall be
2 construed to affect the application of section 3506 of
3 this title to any office or applicable official.

4 “(2) PUBLIC NOTICE.—The Superintendent of
5 Documents shall publish in the Federal Register,
6 and provide timely notice to the public and the Fed-
7 eral Depository Libraries under subchapter C, of no-
8 tifications received under paragraph (1). In the case
9 of notifications that an office intends to terminate
10 the production of an information dissemination
11 product, eliminate the production or availability in
12 tangible form of an information dissemination prod-
13 uct, or otherwise limit the provision of public access
14 to an information dissemination product to only elec-
15 tronic means, the Superintendent of Documents
16 shall provide such notice not later than 10 days
17 after receiving the notification.

18 “(3) RESTRICTIONS ON AUTHORITY TO ELIMI-
19 NATE PRINTED COPIES OF PRODUCTS.—An office
20 may not terminate the production of an information
21 dissemination product, eliminate the production or
22 availability in tangible form of an information dis-
23 semination product, or otherwise limit the provision
24 of public access to such product to only electronic
25 means, until the expiration of the 70-day period

1 which begins on the date the head of the office noti-
2 fies the Superintendent of Documents of the intent
3 to terminate such production, eliminate such produc-
4 tion or availability in tangible form, or limit such ac-
5 cess to electronic means (as the case may be).

6 “(d) FAILURE TO FURNISH PRODUCT.—If an appli-
7 cable official fails to furnish an IDP to the Superintendent
8 of Documents under this section—

9 “(1) the Superintendent is authorized to obtain
10 the IDP; and

11 “(2) the office of the applicable official shall re-
12 imburse the Superintendent for the costs incurred in
13 obtaining and disseminating the IDP.

14 “(e) COLLECTION OF PRODUCTS IN COLLECTION OF
15 FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES.—In addition to ob-
16 taining IDPs from offices of the Federal government, the
17 Superintendent of Documents may enter into arrange-
18 ments with a Federal Depository Library under sub-
19 chapter C to obtain from such Library any IDPs in the
20 Library’s own collection of documents and materials and
21 the metadata associated with any such IDPs.

22 “(f) ROLE OF PUBLIC PRINTER.—The Super-
23 intendent of Documents shall carry out this section under
24 the supervision of the Public Printer, who shall be respon-

1 sible for ensuring the compliance of offices of the Federal
2 government with this section.

3 “(g) EFFECTIVE DATE; TRANSITION RULE FOR
4 ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS FURNISHED TO DEPOSITORY LI-
5 BRARIES.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—This section shall apply
7 with respect to any information dissemination prod-
8 uct produced or procured on or after the effective
9 date of the **[(insert short title of bill)]**.

10 “(2) FURNISHING ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS TO
11 FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES DURING TRANSI-
12 TION.—

13 “(A) INVENTORY OF PRODUCTS.—Not
14 later than 1 year after the date of the enact-
15 ment of the **[(insert short title of bill)]**, the ap-
16 plicable official of each office shall provide the
17 Superintendent of Documents with an inventory
18 of, and access to, all electronic information dis-
19 semination products (as defined in section 505)
20 which originated in the office prior to the effec-
21 tive date of such Act.

22 “(B) FURNISHING OF PRODUCTS TO LI-
23 BRARIES.—If, in the same manner applicable to
24 information dissemination products under sec-
25 tion 502(b), the Superintendent and the appli-

1 cable official determine that a product in the in-
2 ventory provided under subparagraph (A) would
3 be appropriate for inclusion in the national col-
4 lection under this subchapter (if the product
5 were procured or produced after the effective
6 date of the **[(insert short title of bill)]**), the ap-
7 plicable official shall furnish the product to the
8 Superintendent for distribution to Federal De-
9 pository Libraries under subchapter C, as de-
10 termined by the Superintendent.

11 “(C) COSTS.—The cost of furnishing an
12 IDP to a Federal Depository Library under this
13 paragraph shall be paid by the Superintendent
14 of Documents.

15 **“§ 504. Requirements for agreements to produce or**
16 **procure products**

17 “(a) NOTIFICATION TO SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCU-
18 MENTS.—An office of the Federal government may not
19 enter into a contract for the procurement of production
20 of an information dissemination product by any entity
21 other than the Public Printer, regardless of form or for-
22 mat, unless each of the following requirements is met:

23 “(1) Prior to entering into the contract, the ap-
24 plicable official notifies the Superintendent of Docu-
25 ments.

1 purposes of section 503, upon request of the Super-
2 intendent of Documents, the applicable official shall
3 promptly provide the Superintendent with copies of, or ac-
4 cess to, electronic files and metadata or other digital de-
5 scriptive material associated with an electronic informa-
6 tion dissemination product (including any relevant mate-
7 rial necessary for the Superintendent to provide locator
8 services) which will enable the Superintendent to provide
9 permanent public access to the IDP through the online
10 repository under subchapter B and through the Federal
11 Depository Library Program under subchapter C.

12 “(b) SPECIAL RULES FOR PRODUCTS MADE AVAIL-
13 ABLE ON WEBSITES OF ORIGINATING OFFICES.—

14 “(1) SHARING OF METADATA WITH PUBLIC
15 PRINTER.—If an office of the Government makes an
16 electronic information dissemination product of the
17 office available to the public through the office’s
18 website, the head of the office shall ensure that the
19 Public Printer (acting through the Superintendent
20 of Documents) has the appropriate metadata associ-
21 ated with the product to enable the Public Printer
22 to provide a link to the product through the online
23 repository under subchapter B.

24 “(2) TREATMENT OF ONLINE FEE-FOR-SERVICE
25 PROGRAMS.—If an office of the Government makes

1 IDPs available to the public online under a fee-for-
2 service program, the office shall ensure that the Su-
3 perintendent of Documents has access to such serv-
4 ices, at a cost no greater than the applicable price
5 described in section 503(a)(2), so that the Super-
6 intendent may make such services available to Fed-
7 eral Depository Libraries under subchapter C.

8 “(c) ONLINE PUBLIC ACCESS DURING TRANSITION
9 TO ONLINE REPOSITORY.—If, at any time after the effec-
10 tive date of the **[(insert short title of bill)]**, the online re-
11 pository under subchapter B is not in operation, each of-
12 fice in which an electronic information dissemination prod-
13 uct originates shall provide permanent public access to the
14 IDP through an electronic communications system or net-
15 work.

16 **“§ 506. Cataloging, indexing, locator services, and**
17 **digitization of information dissemination**
18 **products**

19 “(a) CATALOGING, INDEXING, AND LOCATOR SERV-
20 ICES.—The Superintendent of Documents shall—

21 “(1) perform cataloging, locator, and indexing
22 services with respect to the information dissemina-
23 tion products included in the national collection
24 under this subchapter;

1 “(2) perform cataloging, locator, and indexing
2 services with respect to any information dissemina-
3 tion products which are not included in the national
4 collection because they were created prior to the ef-
5 fective date of the **[(insert short title of bill)]**; and

6 “(3) make the resulting cataloging, locator, and
7 indexing information available for no-fee public ac-
8 cess under the program described in subsection (b),
9 and as part of the national collection under this sub-
10 chapter.

11 “(b) CATALOG OF GOVERNMENT PRODUCTS.—

12 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF CATALOG.—The Su-
13 perintendent of Documents shall establish and main-
14 tain a Catalog of Government Products consisting of
15 a comprehensive set of metadata, including the Dig-
16 ital Object Identifier, associated with information
17 dissemination products, including existing products
18 which are not yet catalogued, and may make the
19 records of such Catalog available in other biblio-
20 graphic utilities that support widely available record
21 sharing.

22 “(2) NATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORDS IN-
23 VENTORY.—The Superintendent shall carry out a
24 program to bring fugitive documents under biblio-
25 graphic control and to make records associated with

1 such documents available through the Catalog estab-
2 lished and maintained under paragraph (1) and
3 other appropriate bibliographic utilities.

4 “(c) DIGITIZATION.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Superintendent of
6 Documents is authorized to digitize, to the greatest
7 extent practicable, all information dissemination
8 products created at any time, and to include such
9 products in digitized form in the national collection
10 under this subchapter.

11 “(2) AUTHENTICATION.—To the greatest extent
12 practicable, the Superintendent shall identify the
13 chain of custody or other provenance of IDPs in the
14 national collection under this subchapter which are
15 in digitized form, and shall verify that such IDPs
16 are complete and unaltered.

17 “(d) AUTHORIZING ACTIVITIES TO BE CARRIED OUT
18 BY OTHER ENTITIES.—

19 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Superintendent of
20 Documents may enter into an agreement with an-
21 other entity of the Federal government or a private
22 entity (including a Federal Depository Library
23 under subchapter C) to carry out any of the activi-
24 ties authorized under this section, in accordance
25 with regulations promulgated under this subchapter.

1 “(b) POLICIES.—The Superintendent of Documents
2 shall carry out each of the following policies with respect
3 to the information dissemination products included in the
4 national collection under this subchapter:

5 “(1) A policy for the recall of IDPs, regardless
6 of form or format, in order to ensure compliance
7 with relevant law, which takes into consideration the
8 need of preserving materials for archival purposes
9 with the National Archives and Records Administra-
10 tion.

11 “(2) A policy for the withdrawal of IDPs, re-
12 gardless of form or format, in a manner consistent
13 with the requirements of sections 543 and 544.

14 “(3) A policy for the deaccession of IDPs, re-
15 gardless of form or format.

16 “(4) A policy for the disposal of IDPs, regard-
17 less of form or format.

18 “(c) REGULATIONS.—Each of the policies under this
19 section shall be carried out in accordance with regulations
20 promulgated under this subchapter.

1 “SUBCHAPTER B—ONLINE REPOSITORY

2 **“§ 521. Establishment and operation of online reposi-**
3 **tory for no-fee access to information dis-**
4 **semination products**

5 “(a) ONLINE REPOSITORY.—The Public Printer shall
6 establish and operate a trustworthy information system
7 and online repository through which members of the public
8 may obtain, at no charge, information dissemination prod-
9 ucts which are included in the national collection estab-
10 lished and maintained under subchapter A.

11 “(b) OPEN AND BULK FORMATS.—To the greatest
12 extent practicable, the online repository shall provide users
13 with access to IDPs in open, machine-readable, and non-
14 proprietary formats, and be available for bulk download
15 with the relevant metadata incorporated.

16 “(c) PRESERVATION OF PRODUCTS.—The Public
17 Printer shall ensure the preservation for permanent public
18 access of information dissemination products included in
19 the online repository, including through a program pro-
20 viding for the permanent retention of digital materials.

21 **“§ 522. Authentication of products**

22 “(a) REQUIRING AUTHENTICATION.—To the greatest
23 extent practicable, the Public Printer shall ensure that
24 each information dissemination product made available on
25 the online repository under this subchapter is authenti-

1 cated, identify the product’s chain of custody or other
2 provenance, and verify that the product is complete and
3 unaltered.

4 “(b) IDENTIFICATION OF NON-AUTHENTICATED
5 PRODUCTS.—The Public Printer shall ensure that if any
6 IDP on the online repository is not authenticated, the lack
7 of authentication shall be noted on the IDP.

8 **“§ 523. Privacy of users**

9 “(a) PROTECTING USER PRIVACY.—Not later than
10 180 days after the date of the enactment of the **[(insert**
11 *short title of bill)], the Superintendent of Documents shall
12 implement measures to protect the privacy of individuals
13 using the online repository under this subchapter, and
14 shall ensure that such measures provide users with at least
15 the same level of privacy as provided under section 552a
16 of title 5 (commonly known as the Privacy Act of 1974)
17 and section 208 of the E-Government Act of 2002 (Public
18 Law 107-347; set out as a note under section 3501 of
19 this title).*

20 “(b) REGULATIONS.—This section shall be carried
21 out in accordance with regulations promulgated under this
22 subchapter.

1 “(3) each such Federal Depository Library
2 shall provide free access to the collection to members
3 of the public.

4 **“§ 542. Requirements for Federal Depository Librar-**
5 **ies**

6 “(a) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED.—Each
7 library designated as a Federal Depository Library under
8 this subchapter shall meet the following requirements:

9 “(1) The library shall provide members of the
10 public with no-fee access to all of the information
11 dissemination products furnished to the library by
12 the Superintendent of Documents under this chap-
13 ter, in electronic format by providing internet access
14 to the online repository under subchapter B and to
15 cataloging, indexing, and locator services under sec-
16 tion 506, and in any tangible format held under this
17 subchapter.

18 “(2) The library shall ensure that a member of
19 the library’s staff who is knowledgeable about the
20 use of the online repository is reasonably available to
21 assist patrons with the use of the repository.

22 “(3) The library shall meet such other addi-
23 tional requirements as the Superintendent may es-
24 tablish by regulations promulgated under this sub-
25 chapter.

1 “(b) OPTIONAL DIGITAL DEPOSIT.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—At the option of the Li-
3 brary, a Federal Depository Library may receive an
4 electronic, digital deposit directly from the Super-
5 intendent of Documents of such information dissemi-
6 nation products as are available in suitable electronic
7 form, in accordance with regulations promulgated
8 under this subchapter.

9 “(2) PROTECTING PRIVACY OF USERS.—If the
10 Library permits individuals to seek access to IDPs
11 which are hosted on its own server in accordance
12 with this subsection, the Library shall comply to the
13 extent practicable with the same measures imple-
14 mented by the Superintendent of Documents to pro-
15 tect the privacy of individuals who seek access to
16 IDPs through the use of online repository under
17 subchapter B.

18 “(c) CRITERIA FOR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—
19 The Superintendent shall establish the additional require-
20 ments referred to in subsection (a) in accordance with reg-
21 ulations promulgated under this subchapter. Such regula-
22 tions shall encourage participation by a broad and diverse
23 group of libraries, and may not establish a limit on the
24 number of libraries which may be designated under this
25 section.

1 “(d) AVAILABILITY OF TRAINING PROGRAM FOR USE
2 OF LIBRARIES.—

3 “(1) DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Su-
4 perintendent shall develop a training and continuing
5 education program which may be used by Federal
6 Depository Libraries to promote the ability of the
7 Libraries to understand the operation of the pro-
8 gram under this subchapter and the content of the
9 materials furnished to the Libraries under the pro-
10 gram.

11 “(2) OPTIONAL USE OF PROGRAM.—The use by
12 any Federal Depository Library of the program de-
13 veloped under paragraph (1) shall be optional for
14 the Library.

15 **“§ 543. Selective Depository Libraries**

16 “(a) SELECTIVE DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES DE-
17 SCRIBED.—A library which is designated as a Federal De-
18 pository Library may, at its request, be designated as a
19 Selective Depository Library if the Library meets the fol-
20 lowing requirements:

21 “(1) The Library provides access to selected in-
22 formation dissemination products in tangible form
23 as provided by the Superintendent of Documents,
24 under regulations promulgated under this sub-
25 chapter.

1 “(2) The Library agrees to maintain its collec-
2 tion of such IDPs in tangible form for a minimum
3 of 5 years after receipt, unless the Superintendent
4 authorizes earlier withdrawal.

5 “(3) The Library collaborates with a Regional
6 Depository Library (as designated under section
7 544) on the maintenance of a regional collection of
8 such IDPs in tangible form.

9 “(4) A Member of Congress makes a rec-
10 ommendation to the Superintendent that the Library
11 should be designated as a Selective Depository Li-
12 brary.

13 “(b) REGULATIONS; LIMITATION ON NUMBER.—The
14 Superintendent shall carry out this section in accordance
15 with regulations promulgated under this subchapter. Such
16 regulations shall provide for a limit on the number of Li-
17 braries designated as Selective Depository Libraries under
18 this section.

19 **“§ 544. Regional Depository Libraries**

20 “(a) REGIONAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES DE-
21 SCRIBED.—A library which is designated as a Federal De-
22 pository Library may, at its request, be designated as a
23 Regional Depository Library if the Library meets the fol-
24 lowing requirements:

1 “(1) The Library agrees to receive its informa-
2 tion dissemination products from the Superintendent
3 of Documents for purposes of this subchapter in
4 tangible form, except that the Library may decline
5 to receive an IDP in tangible form if—

6 “(A) the IDP is available through the on-
7 line repository under subchapter B; and

8 “(B) an appropriate number of copies in a
9 sufficient number of Federal Depository Librar-
10 ies have been identified for preservation by the
11 Superintendent.

12 “(2) The Library provides access to all IDPs
13 under this subchapter regardless of form or format.

14 “(3) The Library coordinates and collaborates
15 with Selective Depository Libraries to maintain ac-
16 cess to its collection of tangible IDPs, including
17 IDPs which were in its collection prior to designa-
18 tion as a Regional Depository Library under this
19 section, and may do so by housing some of its collec-
20 tion at one or more Selective Depository Libraries.

21 “(4) The Library agrees to provide services
22 under this subchapter to Selective Depository Li-
23 braries under agreements facilitated by the Super-
24 intendent of Documents, in accordance with regula-
25 tions promulgated under this subchapter.

1 “(5) A Senator makes a recommendation to the
2 Superintendent that the Library should be des-
3 ignated as a Regional Depository Library.

4 “(b) WITHDRAWAL OF COLLECTION OF TANGIBLE
5 IDPs.—A Regional Depository Library may withdraw
6 from its collection of IDPs under this subchapter any of
7 the tangible IDPs which were in its collection prior to the
8 Library’s designation as a Regional Depository Library,
9 but only if—

10 “(1) the withdrawn IDP is available through
11 the online repository under subchapter B; and

12 “(2) the Superintendent of Documents has de-
13 termined that an appropriate number of copies of
14 such withdrawn IDPs remain available in a suffi-
15 cient number of Federal Depository Libraries.

16 “(c) RELOCATION OF COLLECTION OF TANGIBLE
17 IDPs.—If a collection of information dissemination prod-
18 ucts in tangible form is relocated from a Regional Deposi-
19 tory Library to another Federal Depository Library under
20 this subchapter (including relocation resulting from the se-
21 lective discarding of such products and the acceptance of
22 such discarded products by another Federal Depository
23 Library), the Public Printer shall pay the costs of the relo-
24 cation, including related cataloging and transportation
25 costs.

1 “(d) REGULATIONS; CONTENTS.—The Super-
2 intendent shall carry out this section in accordance with
3 regulations promulgated under this subchapter. Such reg-
4 ulations shall—

5 “(1) in establishing criteria for agreements be-
6 tween Regional Depository Libraries and Selective
7 Depository Libraries (as described in paragraph (4)
8 of subsection (a)), give preference to any consortia
9 and similar collaborative efforts in effect between
10 such Libraries, without regard to geographic restric-
11 tions;

12 “(2) limit the number of Regional Depository
13 Libraries located in any State to 2; and

14 “(3) to the greatest extent practicable, provide
15 for the designation of at least 2 Regional Depository
16 Libraries in each census region.

17 **“§ 545. Preservation Depository Libraries**

18 “(a) PRESERVATION DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES DE-
19 SCRIBED.—A library which is designated as a Federal De-
20 pository Library may, at its request, be designated as a
21 Preservation Depository Library if the Library enters into
22 an agreement with the Superintendent of Documents to
23 assist the Superintendent with the preservation of infor-
24 mation dissemination products in the national collection
25 under subchapter A.

1 “(b) LOCATION OF PRODUCTS.—Under an agreement
2 under this section, a Preservation Depository Library may
3 preserve IDPs (regardless of form or format) by housing
4 them at its own location or by coordinating and managing
5 all or part of collections of IDPs which are housed at other
6 Federal Depository Libraries.

7 “(c) REGULATIONS.—The Superintendent shall carry
8 out this section in accordance with regulations promul-
9 gated under this subchapter. Under such regulations, the
10 Superintendent shall seek to designate Preservation De-
11 pository Libraries in a manner which promotes geographic
12 diversity.

13 **“§ 546. Procedures for designation**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Superintendent of Docu-
15 ments may designate a library as a Federal Depository
16 Library under this subchapter if the Library provides the
17 Superintendent (at such time and in such form as the Su-
18 perintendent may require) such information and assur-
19 ances as the Superintendent may require to determine
20 that the library will meet the applicable requirements of
21 this subchapter, in accordance with regulations promul-
22 gated under this subchapter.

23 “(b) TERMINATION OF DESIGNATION.—

24 “(1) TERMINATION.—The designation of a li-
25 brary as a Federal Depository Library under this

1 subchapter may be terminated by the Super-
2 intendent—

3 “(A) if the Superintendent determines that
4 the library does not meet the applicable require-
5 ments for designation under this subchapter; or

6 “(B) at the request of the library.

7 “(2) CRITERIA FOR DETERMINATION.—The de-
8 termination by the Superintendent under subpara-
9 graph (A) of paragraph (1) shall be made in accord-
10 ance with regulations promulgated under this sub-
11 chapter which shall provide for a reasonable oppor-
12 tunity for remediation.

13 **“§ 547. Grants and other assistance**

14 “(a) AUTHORIZATION OF GRANT-MAKING.—The
15 Public Printer, acting through the Superintendent of Doc-
16 uments, may provide grants and other forms of financial
17 assistance to an eligible Federal Depository Library under
18 this subchapter.

19 “(b) USE OF GRANT.—An eligible Federal Deposi-
20 tory Library may use the financial assistance provided
21 under this section to carry out its functions under sub-
22 chapter A and section 506, including—

23 “(1) to support the collection of the metadata
24 associated with information dissemination products
25 in the possession of the Library so that the Library

1 may furnish the metadata to the Superintendent for
2 purposes of the cataloging and indexing carried out
3 under subchapter A;

4 “(2) to catalog and index information dissemi-
5 nation products in the possession of the Library and
6 to furnish the resulting cataloging and indexing in-
7 formation to the Superintendent for purposes of sec-
8 tion 506;

9 “(3) to digitize information dissemination prod-
10 ucts created at any time so that the Library may
11 furnish such products in digitized form to the Super-
12 intendent for inclusion in the national collection
13 under subchapter A;

14 “(4) to preserve information dissemination
15 products in the possession of the Library; and

16 “(5) to carry out other activities as may be pro-
17 vided under regulations promulgated under this sub-
18 chapter.

19 “(c) ELIGIBILITY.—A Federal Depository Library is
20 eligible to receive financial assistance under this section
21 if the Library submits to the Superintendent of Docu-
22 ments, at such time and in such form as the Super-
23 intendent may require, an application containing such in-
24 formation and assurances as the Superintendent may re-
25 quire.

1 “(b) FOREIGN DISSEMINATION.—

2 “(1) UNITED STATES LEGATIONS AND CON-
3 SULATES.—The Superintendent may disseminate an
4 information dissemination product to a legation or
5 consulate of the United States only if the Secretary
6 of State, by an order to be recorded in the State De-
7 partment, determines that the dissemination is suit-
8 able for and required by the legation and consulate.

9 “(2) FOREIGN LEGATIONS.—The Super-
10 intendent may disseminate an information dissemi-
11 nation product to a foreign legation to the United
12 States only upon request of the Secretary of State,
13 and only in such number as the Secretary provides
14 in the request. The Superintendent may disseminate
15 an IDP to a foreign legation to the United States
16 without cost only if the government of such legation
17 furnishes copies of its printed and legislative docu-
18 ments to legations of the United States.

19 “(e) LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND CONGRESSIONAL
20 RESEARCH SERVICE.—

21 “(1) NUMBER OF COPIES.—For each fiscal
22 year, the Superintendent shall furnish a number of
23 full and partial sets of information dissemination
24 products in a timely manner—

1 “(A) to the Library of Congress, based on
2 a determination made by the Librarian of Con-
3 gress and transmitted to the Superintendent of
4 the number of sets necessary for the Library to
5 provide services to Congress and to maintain its
6 collections for such fiscal year; and

7 “(B) to the Congressional Research Serv-
8 ice, based on a determination made by the Di-
9 rector of the Congressional Research Service
10 and transmitted to the Superintendent of the
11 number of sets necessary to provide services to
12 Congress for such fiscal year.

13 “(2) PAYMENTS.—The Librarian of Congress
14 and the Director of the Congressional Research
15 Service shall make a payment for the costs incurred
16 by the Superintendent in furnishing IDPs under this
17 subsection, and for the related costs of carrying out
18 this subsection, based on the incremental costs of
19 printing, using funds appropriated to the Librarian
20 and Director for such purpose.

21 **“§ 562. International Exchange Service Program**

22 “(a) DISSEMINATION THROUGH LIBRARIAN OF CON-
23 GRESS.—For each fiscal year, the Superintendent shall
24 furnish a number of full and partial sets of information
25 dissemination products in a timely manner to the Library

1 of Congress to enable the Librarian of Congress to meet
2 the requirements of international exchange service pro-
3 grams for such fiscal year, based on a determination made
4 by the Librarian of Congress and transmitted to the Su-
5 perintendent of the number of sets necessary for such pur-
6 pose.

7 “(b) PAYMENT.—The Librarian shall make a pay-
8 ment to the Superintendent for the costs incurred by the
9 Superintendent in furnishing IDPs under this section, and
10 for the related costs of carrying out this subsection, based
11 on the incremental costs of printing, using funds appro-
12 priated to the Librarian for such purpose.

13 “(c) INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE SERVICE PRO-
14 GRAMS DESCRIBED.—In this section, an ‘international ex-
15 change service program’ is any program to fully carry into
16 effect the convention concluded at Brussels on March 15,
17 1886, and proclaimed by the President of the United
18 States on January 15, 1889, and all subsequent bilateral
19 and multilateral treaties and agreements under which the
20 Librarian of Congress administers an exchange program
21 by providing copies of Government publications for dis-
22 tribution to foreign governments which agree, as indicated
23 by the Librarian, to send to the United States similar pub-
24 lications of their governments for delivery to the Library
25 of Congress.

1 **“§ 563. Acceptance of gifts**

2 “The Public Printer may accept and use gifts and
3 bequests of property (both real and personal) and services
4 in support of the Superintendent’s responsibilities under
5 this chapter.

6 **“§ 564. Authorities of Public Printer**

7 “(a) PLENARY AUTHORITY TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AC-
8 CESS TO PRODUCTS.—Consistent with this chapter and
9 other applicable laws, the Public Printer may take such
10 measures as the Public Printer considers necessary to en-
11 sure the timely dissemination of information dissemination
12 products to the public and to expand and improve the
13 maintenance of permanent public access to such products.

14 “(b) REGULATIONS.—Any regulations required to
15 carry out any subchapter of this chapter shall be promul-
16 gated by the Public Printer, on behalf of the Super-
17 intendent of Documents, in accordance with the require-
18 ments of section 107.

19 **“§ 565. Source of funds used to carry out programs**
20 **and activities**

21 “The costs of carrying out any programs and activi-
22 ties under this chapter shall be paid solely from a separate
23 appropriation made for the activities of the Super-
24 intendent of Documents (or from gifts and bequests ac-
25 cepted under section 563.”.

1 **SEC. 102. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 44, UNITED**
2 **STATES CODE.**

3 (a) PREPARATION OF FEDERAL REGISTER AND
4 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS.—(1) The last sen-
5 tence of section 1504 is amended by striking “by sections
6 1705 and 1708 of this title” and inserting “by subchapter
7 D of chapter 3 of this title”.

8 (2) Section 1509(a) is amended—

9 (A) in the first sentence, by striking “section
10 309” and inserting “section 103”; and

11 (B) in the second sentence, by striking “section
12 309(b)” and inserting “section 103(c)”.

13 (b) OTHER CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title 44,
14 United States Code, is further amended—

15 (1) by striking chapters 17 and 19;

16 (2) in section 3511(a)(3), by striking “the Di-
17 rector of the Government Publishing Office” and in-
18 serting “the Public Printer”; and

19 (3) by striking chapters 39 and 41.

20 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters
21 for title 44, United States Code, is amended—

22 (1) by striking the items relating to chapters 1,
23 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13 and inserting the following:

“CHAPTER 1—GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

“CHAPTER 3—IMPLEMENTATION OF AUTHORITIES

“CHAPTER 5—NO-FEE PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION”;
AND

1 (2) by striking the items relating to chapters
2 17, 19, 39, and 41.

3 **SEC. 103. OTHER CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

4 (a) TITLE 1, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section 212
5 of title 1, United States Code, is amended by striking “the
6 Superintendent of Documents” and inserting “the Public
7 Printer of the United States”.

8 (b) PROVISIONS OF LAW CODIFIED IN TITLE 2,
9 UNITED STATES CODE.—(1) Public Law 94–551 is
10 amended—

11 (A) in subsection (a) of the first undesignated
12 section (2 U.S.C. 28b(a)), by striking “as a public
13 document”;

14 (B) in subsection (b) of the first undesignated
15 section (2 U.S.C. 28b(b)), by striking “section 701
16 of title 44, United States Code” and inserting “sub-
17 chapter B of chapter 3 of title 44, United States
18 Code”;

19 (C) in section 2(b) (2 U.S.C. 28c(b)), by strik-
20 ing “the Superintendent of Documents” and insert-
21 ing “the Public Printer of the United States”; and

22 (D) in section 2(c)(14) (2 U.S.C. 28c(c)(14)),
23 by striking “the Superintendent of Documents” and
24 inserting “the Public Printer of the United States”.

1 (2) Section 2(c)(2)(A) of the History of the House
2 Awareness and Preservation Act (2 U.S.C. 183(c)(2)(A))
3 is amended by striking “chapter 5 of title 44, United
4 States Code” and inserting “subchapter A of chapter 3
5 of title 44, United States Code”.

6 (c) TITLE 4, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section
7 145(a) of title 4, United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “Super-
9 intendent of Documents,”; and

10 (2) in paragraph (3)—

11 (A) by striking “the Superintendent of
12 Documents” and inserting “the Public Printer
13 of the United States”; and

14 (B) by striking “the Joint Committee on
15 Printing” and inserting “the Committee on
16 House Administration of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives and the Committee on Rules and
18 Administration of the Senate, acting jointly”.

19 (d) PROVISION OF LAW CODIFIED IN TITLE 15,
20 UNITED STATES CODE.—The Joint Resolution entitled
21 “Joint resolution to print the monthly publication entitled
22 ‘Economic Indicators’”, approved June 23, 1949 (15
23 U.S.C. 1025), is amended by striking “the Superintendent
24 of Documents” each place it appears and inserting “the
25 Public Printer of the United States”.

1 (e) PROVISION OF LAW CODIFIED IN TITLE 16,
2 UNITED STATES CODE.—Section 312 of the Federal
3 Water Power Act (16 U.S.C. 825k) is amended by striking
4 “the Joint Committee on Printing” each place it appears
5 and inserting “the Committee on House Administration
6 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
7 Rules and Administration of the Senate, acting jointly”.

8 (f) TITLE 28, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section
9 411(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by
10 striking “the Joint Committee on Printing” and inserting
11 “the Committee on House Administration of the House
12 of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Ad-
13 ministration of the Senate, acting jointly”.

14 (g) TITLE 31, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section
15 1344(b)(8) of title 31, United States Code, is amended
16 by striking “the Comptroller General of the United
17 States” and inserting “the Comptroller General of the
18 United States, the Librarian of Congress, the Public
19 Printer of the United States,”.

20 (h) TITLE 40, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section
21 113(e)(17) of title 40, United States Code, is amended
22 by striking “the Joint Committee on Printing” and insert-
23 ing “the Public Printer of the United States”.

1 **SEC. 104. REFERENCES IN LAW.**

2 (a) REFERENCES TO GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OF-
3 FICE.—Any reference to the Government Publishing Of-
4 fice in any law, rule, regulation, or other official paper
5 in effect as of the effective date of this Act shall be consid-
6 ered to refer and apply to the Government Printing Office.

7 (b) REFERENCES TO DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT
8 PUBLISHING OFFICE.—Any reference to the Director of
9 the Government Publishing Office in any law, rule, regula-
10 tion, or other official paper in effect as of the effective
11 date of this Act shall be considered to refer and apply to
12 the Public Printer of the United States.

13 **TITLE II—TRANSITION**

14 **SEC. 201. TERMINATION OF EXISTING AUTHORITIES OF**
15 **JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.**

16 Any letter, regulation, resolution, rule, or waiver
17 issued prior to the effective date of this Act by the Joint
18 Committee on Printing with respect to the operations and
19 activities of the Government Printing Office shall have no
20 force or effect.

21 **SEC. 202. TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY HOLD-**
22 **ING POSITIONS.**

23 (a) DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OF-
24 FICE.—For purposes of title 44, United States Code, as
25 amended by this Act, the individual holding the position
26 of the Director of the Government Publishing Office as

1 of the effective date of this Act shall be deemed to meet
2 the qualifications for the position of Public Printer of the
3 United States, and shall be deemed to have been first ap-
4 pointed to such position starting on the effective date of
5 this Act.

6 (b) DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT PUB-
7 LISHING OFFICE.—For purposes of title 44, United States
8 Code, as amended by this Act, the individual holding the
9 position of the Director of the Government Publishing Of-
10 fice as of the effective date of this Act shall be deemed
11 to meet the qualifications for the position of Public Printer
12 of the United States, and shall be deemed to have been
13 first appointed to such position starting on the effective
14 date of this Act.

15 (c) OTHER POSITIONS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of title 44,
17 United States Code, as amended by this Act, any in-
18 dividual who, as of the effective date of this Act,
19 holds any of the positions described in paragraph
20 (2)—

21 (A) shall be deemed to meet the qualifica-
22 tions for the position under such; and

23 (B) shall be deemed to have been first ap-
24 pointed to the position starting on the effective
25 date of this Act.

1 (2) POSITIONS DESCRIBED.—The positions de-
2 scribed in this paragraph are as follows:

3 (A) Superintendent of Documents.

4 (B) Inspector General of the Government
5 Publishing Office.

6 **SEC. 203. TRANSITION FOR CURRENT EMPLOYEES OF CON-**
7 **GRESSIONAL RECORD INDEX PROGRAM.**

8 (a) COMPLETION OF INDEX FOR ONE HUNDRED FIF-
9 TEENTH CONGRESS.—Notwithstanding any amendment
10 made by this Act, the Public Printer shall ensure the com-
11 pletion of the Congressional Record Index for the One
12 Hundred Fifteenth Congress, as described in section 902
13 of title 44, United States Code (as in effect before the
14 effective date of this Act).

15 (b) OFFERING OF VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCEN-
16 TIVE PAYMENTS AND VOLUNTARY EARLY RETIRE-
17 MENT.—Upon the completion of the Congressional Record
18 Index for the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress, the Public
19 Printer shall provide each employee of the Government
20 Printing Office who, as of the effective date of this Act,
21 is assigned to the Congressional Record Index program
22 pursuant to section 902 of title 44, United States Code,
23 with the opportunity to exercise one of the following op-
24 tions:

1 (1) The option to receive a voluntary separation
2 incentive payment pursuant to the program under
3 section 124 of such title (as amended by this Act).

4 (2) The option of exercising voluntary early re-
5 tirement under section 125 of such title (as amended
6 by this Act).

7 (3) The option to be reassigned to another pro-
8 gram of the Government Printing Office, as deter-
9 mined by the Public Printer, without reduction in
10 salary, grade, or benefits.

11 (c) DEFAULT.—If an employee does not exercise one
12 of the options described in subsection (b) prior to the expi-
13 ration of the 15-day period which begins on the date the
14 Public Printer notifies the employee of the completion of
15 the Congressional Record Index for the One Hundred Fif-
16 teenth Congress, the employee shall be deemed to have ex-
17 ercised the option described in paragraph (3) of such sub-
18 section.

19 (d) SPECIAL RULE ON SOURCE OF FUNDS.—Not-
20 withstanding any provision of title 44, United States Code,
21 to the contrary, if an employee exercises the option to re-
22 ceive a voluntary separation incentive payment under this
23 section, the funds used to make such payment shall be
24 derived from the appropriation made to the Public Printer
25 for congressional printing and binding.

1 **SEC. 204. TRANSITION FOR EXISTING DEPOSITORY LIBRAR-**
2 **IES.**

3 For purposes of chapter 5 of title 44, United States
4 Code, as amended by this Act—

5 (1) each institution which, as of the effective
6 date of this Act, is designated as a depository library
7 under chapter 19 of such title (as in effect prior to
8 such date) shall be deemed to have been designated
9 as a Federal Depository Library under chapter 5 of
10 such title on the effective date of this Act;

11 (2) each institution which, as of the effective of
12 this Act, is designated as a selective depository li-
13 brary under chapter 19 of such title (as in effect
14 prior to such date) shall be deemed to have been
15 designated as a Selective Depository Library under
16 chapter 5 of such title on the effective date of this
17 Act; and

18 (3) each institution which, as of the effective
19 date of this Act, is serving a regional depository li-
20 brary under chapter 19 of such title (as in effect
21 prior to such date) shall be deemed to have been
22 designated as a Regional Depository Library under
23 chapter 5 of such title on the effective date of this
24 Act.

1 **TITLE III—EFFECTIVE DATE**

2 **SEC. 301. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

3 Except as otherwise provided, this Act and the
4 amendments made by this Act shall apply with respect to
5 the first fiscal year which begins after the date of the en-
6 actment of this Act and each succeeding fiscal year.