

TITLE 48 - TERRITORIES AND INSULAR POSSESSIONS**CHAPTER 12 - VIRGIN ISLANDS****SUBCHAPTER VII - FISCAL PROVISIONS****§ 1641. Method of payment of official salaries**

The salaries and travel allowances of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, the heads of the executive departments, other officers and employees of the government of the Virgin Islands, and the members of the legislature shall be paid by the government of the Virgin Islands at rates prescribed by the laws of the Virgin Islands.

(July 22, 1954, ch. 558, § 20, formerly § 20(c), 68 Stat. 506; Pub. L. 85–851, § 6(a), Aug. 28, 1958, 72 Stat. 1095; Pub. L. 90–496, § 10, Aug. 23, 1968, 82 Stat. 841.)

Codification

Prior to the 1968 amendment of section 20 of act July 22, 1954, this section constituted subsec. (c) of said section 20. Subsecs. (a) and (b) of said section 20 were classified to sections 1592 and 1598, respectively, of this title. Section 10 of Pub. L. 90–496 consolidated the text of said section 20 into a single unlettered paragraph, classified to this section.

Amendments

1968—Pub. L. 90–496 substituted provisions that the salaries and travel allowances of all officials connected with the executive and legislative departments of the government of the Virgin Islands be paid by the government of the Virgin Islands at rates prescribed by the laws of the Virgin Islands for provisions that the salaries of the Governor, the Government Secretary, the government comptroller, and their immediate staffs be paid by the United States, and provisions that the salaries of the heads of the executive departments be paid by the government of the Virgin Islands, such salaries to be paid without the necessity of further appropriations therefor, if the legislature fails to make an appropriation for such salaries.

1958—Pub. L. 85–851 provided for the payment of the salary of the government comptroller by the United States instead of by the government of the Virgin Islands.

Effective Date of 1968 Amendment

Amendment of provisions of section necessary to authorize the holding of an election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor on Nov. 3, 1970, effective Jan. 1, 1970, and all other amendments of provisions of section, unless otherwise expressly provided by Pub. L. 90–496, effective Jan. 4, 1971, see section 16 of Pub. L. 90–496, set out as a note under section 1591 of this title.

Effective Date of 1958 Amendment

Section 6(b) of Pub. L. 85–851 provided that: “This section 6 [amending this section] shall become effective on July 1, 1959.”

Elimination of General Fund Deficits of Guam and Virgin Islands

Pub. L. 96–597, title VI, § 607, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3483, as amended by Pub. L. 97–357, title VI, § 601, Oct. 19, 1982, 96 Stat. 1712, provided that:

“(a) In order to assist the governments of Guam and the Virgin Islands in eliminating general fund deficits, there is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior for payment to Guam not to exceed \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 1982, and \$11,000,000 for fiscal year 1983, \$7,500,000 for fiscal year 1984, and \$4,000,000 for fiscal year 1985; and for payment to the Virgin Islands not to exceed \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 1982, \$9,000,000 for fiscal year 1983, \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 1984, and \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 1985.

“(b) The Governors of Guam and the Virgin Islands shall, as a condition for a grant pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, submit a plan which is designed to eliminate the respective territory’s general fund deficit by the beginning of fiscal year 1987 to the Secretary of the Interior. Within sixty days after he has received such a plan, the Secretary of the Interior shall transmit the plan, together with his comments and recommendations to the Congress. The plan shall provide for—

“(1) implementation of an effective budgetary and accounting system;

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“(2) realistic revenue and expenditure projections which will progressively reduce current year general fund deficits and result in a balanced general fund budget no later than the beginning of fiscal year 1987;

“(3) financing of accumulated general fund deficits; and

“(4) quarterly goals and timetables for implementing the plan. The plan shall also indicate that the Governor has the necessary authority to implement the plan.

“(c) Not later than thirty days after the close of each quarter which occurs after the plan has been transmitted to the Congress, the respective Governor shall submit a report to the Secretary of the Interior and the Congress describing in detail the success or failure of such territory in meeting the goals and timetables described in such plan.”

Authorization of Appropriations for Grants for Anticipated Deficits During Fiscal Years 1979 Through 1981; Terms and Conditions; Report on Financial Condition; Contents

Pub. L. 95-348, § 4(d), Aug. 18, 1978, 92 Stat. 491, authorized appropriations for fiscal years 1979 to 1981 for grants for anticipated deficits in such years, and required a report respecting financial conditions and activities, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 96-205, title IV, § 404, Mar. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 89.