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1ST SESSION**H. R.** _____

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

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.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
5 “GPO Reform Act of 2018”.

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

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Findings; purpose.

TITLE I—REFORM OF PUBLIC PRINTING AND DOCUMENTS

- Sec. 101. Reform of public printing and documents.
- Sec. 102. Conforming amendments to title 44, United States Code.
- Sec. 103. Other conforming amendments.
- Sec. 104. References in law.

TITLE II—TRANSITION

- Sec. 201. Termination of existing authorities of Joint Committee on Printing.
- Sec. 202. Treatment of individuals currently holding positions.
- Sec. 203. Treatment of existing delegations of authority for offices to produce or procure information dissemination products.
- Sec. 204. Transition for current employees of Congressional Record Index program.
- Sec. 205. Transition for existing Depository Libraries.
- Sec. 206. No effect on existing collective bargaining agreements.

TITLE III—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- Sec. 301. GAO study and review of implementation of changes to rules governing public access to government publications.
- Sec. 302. Repeal of duplicative conflict of interest restriction.
- Sec. 303. Effective date.

3 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.**

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

5 (1) *[to be provided]*

6 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to

7 *[to be provided]*

8 **TITLE I—REFORM OF PUBLIC** 9 **PRINTING AND DOCUMENTS**

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

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

1 **“CHAPTER 1—GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING**
2 **OFFICE**

 “SUBCHAPTER A—ORGANIZATION AND AUTHORITIES

- “101. Establishment of Government Publishing Office.
- “102. Public Printer of the United States.
- “103. Revolving fund.
- “104. Annual financial statement.
- “105. Production and procurement authority.
- “106. Management of property; acceptance of voluntary and uncompensated services.
- “107. Authority to issue regulations.
- “108. Advisory committees.
- “109. Congressional oversight.
- “110. General definitions.

 “SUBCHAPTER B—PERSONNEL

- “121. Deputy Public Printer of the United States.
- “122. Superintendent of Documents.
- “123. Other employees.
- “124. Voluntary separation incentive payments.
- “125. Voluntary early retirement authority.
- “126. Special police.
- “127. Restrictions on detail of employees.
- “128. Night work.

 “SUBCHAPTER C—INSPECTOR GENERAL

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

3 “SUBCHAPTER A—ORGANIZATION AND
4 AUTHORITIES

5 **“§ 101. Establishment of Government Publishing Of-**
6 **fice**

7 “There is hereby established in the legislative branch
8 the Government Publishing Office (hereafter in this title
9 referred to as the ‘GPO’) to carry out the following func-
10 tions, in accordance with the requirements of this title:

11 “(1) The production or procurement of infor-
12 mation dissemination products (IDPs), regardless of

1 form or format, including IDPs created for or trans-
2 mitted through an electronic communications system
3 or network.

4 “(2) Printing.

5 “(3) Bookbinding.

6 “(4) The production and dissemination of e-
7 books.

8 “(5) Specialized design services.

9 “(6) Document preparation services.

10 “(7) Graphic communication products and serv-
11 ices.

12 “(8) Secure credential products and services.

13 “(9) Distribution and warehousing services.

14 “(10) Related services, including manufac-
15 turing, on behalf of entities of the Federal govern-
16 ment, States, and units of local government.

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

18 “(a) APPOINTMENT.—The Government Publishing
19 Office shall be headed by the Public Printer of the United
20 States (hereafter in this title referred to as the ‘Public
21 Printer’), who shall be appointed by the President by and
22 with the advice and consent of the Senate.

23 “(b) TERM OF SERVICE.—An individual appointed as
24 Public Printer shall serve for a term of 10 years, and may

1 serve after the expiration of a term until a successor is
2 appointed under this section.

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

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

10 “(e) PLENARY AUTHORITY.—Consistent with the re-
11 quirements of this title and the regulations promulgated
12 pursuant to this title, the Public Printer may take such
13 actions as the Public Printer considers necessary to carry
14 out the Public Printer’s duties and functions, including
15 actions to remedy neglect, delay, duplication, or waste in
16 the production, procurement, and dissemination of infor-
17 mation dissemination products, and actions to enhance
18 and expand the dissemination of, and maintenance of per-
19 manent public access to, such products.

20 “§ 103. Revolving fund

21 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT; CONTENTS.—There is estab-
22 lished a Government Publishing Office revolving fund
23 (hereafter referred to as the ‘Revolving Fund’), consisting
24 of the following:

1 “(1) The balance of the Revolving Fund under
2 section 309 of this title (as in effect immediately be-
3 fore the effective date of the GPO Reform Act of
4 2018.

5 “(2) Capital provided by the Public Printer by
6 capitalizing (at fair and reasonable values deter-
7 mined by the Public Printer in consultation with the
8 Comptroller General of the United States) the cur-
9 rent inventories, plant and building appurtenances,
10 except building structures, and land, equipment, and
11 other assets of GPO.

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

14 “(b) USE OF FUND.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
16 graph (2), amounts in the Revolving Fund are avail-
17 able without fiscal year limitation for the operation
18 and maintenance of the Government Publishing Of-
19 fice, including any lawful purpose the Public Printer
20 deems reasonable and necessary to carry out this
21 chapter, chapter 3, and chapter 5 of this title.

22 “(2) RECEPTION AND REPRESENTATION EX-
23 PENSES.—The Public Printer may use amounts in
24 the Revolving Fund for official reception and rep-

1 resentation expenses, in accordance with procedures
2 and rules established by the Public Printer.

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

5 “(1) reimbursed for the cost of all products,
6 services, and supplies furnished, including those fur-
7 nished through the use of other appropriations made
8 to or on behalf of the Government Publishing Office,
9 at rates which include charges for overhead and re-
10 lated expenses, depreciation of plant and building
11 appurtenances (except building structures and land)
12 and equipment, and accrued leave; and

13 “(2) credited with all receipts of the GPO from
14 any authorized source, including sales of information
15 dissemination products, waste, condemned and sur-
16 plus property, and with payments received for losses
17 or damage to property.

18 “(d) ACCOUNTING REQUIREMENTS.—The Public
19 Printer shall maintain an adequate system of accounts for
20 the Revolving Fund, and shall prepare financial reports
21 relating to the Revolving Fund, on the accrual method of
22 accounting.

23 “(e) ANNUAL BUDGET PROGRAM; CONSIDERATION
24 BY CONGRESS.—For purposes of section 9104 of title 31,

1 the Public Printer shall prepare and submit to Congress
2 an annual budget program for the Revolving Fund.

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

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

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

11 “(1) by an independent external auditor se-
12 lected by the Public Printer with the concurrence of
13 the Inspector General of the Government Publishing
14 Office; or

15 “(2) at the option of the Comptroller General of
16 the United States or at the joint request of the
17 Committee on House Administration of the House of
18 Representatives and the Committee on Rules and
19 Administration of the Senate, by the Comptroller
20 General of the United States.

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

22 “(a) INDEPENDENT PURCHASING AUTHORITY.—Ex-
23 cept as provided in subsection (b), the purchasing of goods
24 and services to carry out this chapter, chapter 3, and
25 chapter 5 of this title, including goods and services nec-

1 essary for the production and procurement of information
2 dissemination products, shall be governed by regulations
3 promulgated by the Public Printer, without regard to
4 chapter 33 of title 41.

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

9 **“§ 106. Management of property; acceptance of vol-**
10 **untary and uncompensated services**

11 “(a) DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY.—The
12 Public Printer may transfer or donate surplus information
13 dissemination products, as well as surplus or obsolete
14 GPO machinery, material, equipment, and supplies to—

15 “(1) other entities of the Federal government;

16 “(2) any organization described under section
17 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and
18 exempt from taxation under 501(a) of such Code; or

19 “(3) a State or unit of local government.

20 “(b) LEASING OF EXCESS SPACE.—The Public
21 Printer may enter into leases and other arrangements gov-
22 erning the use of excess space in any real property under
23 the Public Printer’s jurisdiction.

24 “(c) ACCEPTANCE OF VOLUNTARY AND UNCOMPEN-
25 SATED SERVICES.—Notwithstanding section 1342 of title

1 31, the Public Printer may accept voluntary and uncom-
2 pensated services to support the functions of the GPO.
3 An individual providing such voluntary and uncompen-
4 sated services shall not be considered a Federal employee
5 except for purposes of chapter 81 of title 5 (relating to
6 compensation for work injuries) and chapter 171 of title
7 28 (relating to tort claims).

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

9 “(a) AUTHORITY.—The Public Printer may promul-
10 gate such regulations as the Public Printer considers nec-
11 essary to carry out this chapter, chapter 3, and chapter
12 5 of this title, consistent with the provisions of such chap-
13 ters.

14 “(b) APPLICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCE-
15 DURES.—The promulgation of regulations by the Public
16 Printer pursuant to this section shall be subject to the
17 following laws:

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

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

22 “(c) MANDATORY REVIEW.—3 years after the pro-
23 mulgation of any regulation pursuant to this section and
24 every 3 years thereafter, the Public Printer shall conduct

1 a review of the regulation to determine whether or not the
2 regulation should be updated or repealed.

3 “(d) PERMANENT RETENTION; PUBLIC ACCESSI-
4 BILITY.—The Public Printer shall ensure that any regula-
5 tion promulgated pursuant to this section is retained per-
6 manently in the records of the Government Publishing Of-
7 fice and is fully accessible to the public.

8 **“§ 108. Advisory committees**

9 “The Public Printer may establish advisory commit-
10 tees to obtain advice and recommendations for the Govern-
11 ment Publishing Office in the same manner, and subject
12 to 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 Publishing 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) Gifts accepted by the Public Printer
8 under chapter 5 of this title, including the
9 donor, the amount, and the disposition.

10 “(B) Actions taken to ensure the protec-
11 tion of the privacy of users of information dis-
12 semination products.

13 “(C) The status of the Depository Library
14 Program under chapter 5.

15 “(D) Any purchases made for the use of
16 the GPO in an amount greater than \$250,000.

17 “(E) The status of any pending rules or
18 regulations proposed under this chapter.

19 “(F) Delegations of authority by the Pub-
20 lic Printer under section 303.

21 “(G) Notifications received by the Super-
22 intendent of Documents under section 504(a).

23 “(H) Any information dissemination prod-
24 ucts recalled under section 508 from the na-

1 tional collection established under subchapter A
2 of chapter 5 of this title.

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

9 **“§ 110. Coordination and consultation with Library of**
10 **Congress**

11 “In carrying out this title, the Public Printer shall
12 coordinate and consult with the Librarian of Congress, es-
13 pecially with respect to the provisions of this title which
14 affect the collections of the Library of Congress and the
15 services the Library provides to Congress.

16 **“§ 111. General definitions**

17 “(a) DEFINITION OF ‘PRINTING’.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 the Freedom of Information Act (section 552 of title
2 5) or the Privacy Act (section 552a of title 5).

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

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

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

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

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

1 “(7) The term ‘graphic communication’ means
2 electronic and traditional printing, publishing, pack-
3 aging, digital imaging, computer graphics, website
4 development, digital photography, printable elec-
5 tronics, and related activities.

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

11 “(9) The term ‘information dissemination prod-
12 uct’ or ‘IDP’ means any recorded information, re-
13 gardless of physical form or characteristics, dissemi-
14 nated by an office of the Federal Government, or
15 contractor thereof, to the public. Notwithstanding
16 the provisions of section 106 of title 17, it is not an
17 infringement of any copyright that may subsist in
18 works within an IDP to reproduce, prepare deriva-
19 tive works of, display, perform, or distribute IDPs
20 under chapter 3 or section 506 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 Publishing 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 GPO Reform
3 Act of 2018.

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 Pub-
22 lishing 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 Publishing 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 Pub-
19 lishing Office to serve as special police, as both sworn offi-
20 cers and civilian employees, to protect persons and prop-
21 erty in premises occupied by or under the control of the
22 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 Publishing Office
16 may not be detailed to another office in the executive, leg-
17 islative, or judicial branch to carry out duties which do
18 not pertain to the functions of GPO unless expressly au-
19 thorized by law.

20 **“§ 128. Night work**

21 “The Public Printer shall cause the work of the Gov-
22 ernment Publishing 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 Publishing Office
6 the Office of the Inspector General, to be headed by the
7 Inspector General of the Government Publishing Office
8 (hereafter 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 Publishing Office and the Office of such Inspector Gen-
12 eral, and such sections shall be applied to the Government
13 Publishing Office and the Public Printer, by sub-
14 stituting—

15 “(1) ‘Government Publishing Office’ for ‘estab-
16 lishment’;

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

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

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

1 and duties of the Office of Inspector General subject to
2 the provisions of this title governing selections, appoint-
3 ments, and employment in the Government Publishing Of-
4 fice (and any regulations thereunder).

5 “(c) ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT.—

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

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

17 **“§ 143. Independence of budget**

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

1 President and Congress the estimates submitted by the
2 Inspector General without revision as the proposed budget
3 for the Office of the Inspector General for the year.

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

9 **“CHAPTER 3—IMPLEMENTATION OF**
10 **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 Publishing
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 Publishing Office.

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

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

9 “(2) Individual production orders costing not
10 more than the greater of \$3,500 or the micro-pur-
11 chase threshold under section 1902 of title 41, so
12 long as—

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

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

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

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

1 fense Intelligence Agency, or the National Security
2 Agency.

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

10 “(5) The procurement of binding for collections
11 of the Library of Congress.

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

13 “(a) OBLIGATION OF OFFICES TO MAKE PAY-
14 MENT.—

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

1 “(2) ADJUSTMENT OF AMOUNTS.—If an adjust-
2 ment is required with respect to a payment made in
3 advance under this section to take into account the
4 actual cost of delivered work, the adjustment shall
5 be made monthly or quarterly, as may be agreed by
6 the Public Printer (or the Public Printer’s designee)
7 and the office involved.

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

13 “(b) DEADLINE FOR PRESENTATION OF BILLS.—
14 The Public Printer or the Public Printer’s designee shall
15 present a bill to an office for which the GPO has provided
16 products or services under this subchapter not later than
17 90 days after the work has been completed.

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

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

24 “(a) CONDITIONS FOR DELEGATION TO OFFICES.—
25 Subject to subsection (b), at the request of an office of

1 the Federal Government, the Public Printer may delegate
2 to such office the authority of the Public Printer under
3 section 301 to produce or procure printing, binding, and
4 blank-book work with respect to any of the information
5 dissemination products of such office if the office certifies
6 each of the following:

7 “(1) The amount of the work involved does not
8 exceed the simplified purchase threshold under the
9 Federal Acquisition Regulations.

10 “(2) The office shall carry out the work
11 through full and open competition through the use
12 of the competitive procedures required under section
13 304, using the procedure or combination of proce-
14 dures that is best suited to the needs of the office
15 under the circumstances of the work involved.

16 “(3) The office shall make the IDPs involved
17 available to the Sales Program under subchapter D
18 at an incremental cost, as requested by the Public
19 Printer.

20 “(4) The office shall make the IDPs involved
21 available to the Superintendent of Documents at the
22 applicable price described in subsection (a)(2) of sec-
23 tion 503 for inclusion in the national collection of in-
24 formation dissemination products under chapter 5 of
25 this title (including cataloging, indexing, and locator

1 information services under section 506, the online
2 repository under subchapter B of such chapter 5,
3 and the Federal Depository Library Program under
4 subchapter C of such chapter), or has entered into
5 a memorandum of understanding with the Super-
6 intendent of Documents to meet the requirements of
7 section 503(b)(2).

8 “(5) The office shall make the IDPs available
9 upon demand to the Librarian of Congress.

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

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

18 “(d) NO EFFECT ON STATUS OF GOVERNMENT AS
19 OFFICIAL PUBLISHER.—Notwithstanding any delegation
20 of authority under this section and regardless of the meth-
21 od or manner of production or procurement, the official
22 publisher of an information dissemination product shall be
23 the Public Printer or office of the United States Govern-
24 ment in which such product originates, as the case may
25 be.

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

2 “(a) REQUIRING USE OF COMPETITIVE PROCE-
3 DURES.—Except as provided in this section and notwith-
4 standing any other provision of law, the production or pro-
5 curement of an information dissemination product under
6 this subchapter, whether carried out by the Public Printer
7 or by an office of the executive branch, the legislative
8 branch, or the judicial branch pursuant to a delegation
9 of authority under section 303, shall be carried out using
10 competitive procedures established under regulations pro-
11 mulgated by the Public Printer consistent with the re-
12 quirements of this subchapter.

13 “(b) SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS.—

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

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

1 chapter if, in the judgment of the Public Printer or
2 the head of the office—

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 “(2) The need for the property or services is of
24 such an unusual and compelling urgency that the
25 Government would be seriously injured unless the

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

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

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

11 “(d) SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—

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

1 printed in the course of manufacture) in common use by
2 two or more departments, establishments, or services of
3 the Government in the National Capital Region (as de-
4 fined in section 8702(3) of title 40) and reimbursement
5 shall be made to the Public Printer from appropriations
6 or fund available for the purpose.

7 **“§ 307. Retention of products for use of Government**
8 **Publishing Office**

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

14 **“§ 308. Coordination and consultation with other leg-**
15 **islative branch officials**

16 “In carrying out subchapters B and C of this title,
17 the Public Printer shall coordinate and consult with ap-
18 propriate officials of the legislative branch, including the
19 Clerk of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of
20 the Senate, and the Librarian of Congress, with respect
21 to the production and dissemination of information dis-
22 semination products of Congress for inclusion in the legis-
23 lative information retrieval system established and oper-
24 ated under section 209 of the Legislative Branch Appro-
25 priations Act, 1996 (2 U.S.C. 180).

1 **“§ 309. Regulations**

2 “In accordance with the requirements of chapter 1,
3 the Public Printer shall promulgate such regulations as
4 may be necessary to carry out this subchapter, including
5 regulations with respect to the delegation of authority
6 under section 303.

7 “SUBCHAPTER B—CONGRESSIONAL PRINTING
8 AND BINDING

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

10 “(a) **AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC PRINTER.**—The Public
11 Printer is authorized to perform printing, binding, and
12 other activities necessary for the production and procure-
13 ment of information dissemination products of Congress,
14 and for the dissemination of such products without charge
15 to the recipients, in accordance with the requirements of
16 this subchapter and (in the case of the Congressional
17 Record) the requirements of subchapter C.

18 “(b) **SPECIFIC PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED.**—In car-
19 rying out this subchapter, the Public Printer may carry
20 out each of the following programs:

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

23 “(2) A program to produce and procure mis-
24 cellaneous information dissemination products of
25 Congress, including the Congressional Directory, the
26 Senate and House Journals, memorial addresses of

1 Members of Congress, and U.S. Congressional Serial
2 Sets and IDPs not carrying a document or report
3 number, such as laws, treaties, and similar IDPs.

4 “(3) A program of miscellaneous printing, pub-
5 lishing, and other services, including letterheads, en-
6 velopes, blank paper, miscellaneous services, blank
7 forms, composition and content management, con-
8 tinuity of operations-related expenses for the support
9 of Congress, and binding for Congress.

10 “(4) A program to detail employees of the Gov-
11 ernment Publishing Office to offices of Congress.

12 “(5) A program to produce and procure docu-
13 ment envelopes and franks for mailing of Congres-
14 sional documents, whether printed individually or in
15 sheets with perforations.

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

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

1 “(8) A program to publish reports of Commit-
2 tees of Congress, including joint and select commit-
3 tees of Congress.

4 “(9) A program to publish other classes of doc-
5 uments ordered to be published by a House of Con-
6 gress which carry a Congressional number, including
7 annual reports, engineers’ reports, special reports
8 made by Government departments in response to
9 resolutions, and supplemental and deficiency esti-
10 mates of appropriations.

11 “(10) A program to publish the transcripts of
12 hearings of Committees of Congress.

13 “(11) A program to publish IDPs and other
14 materials for the internal use of Committees of Con-
15 gress.

16 “(12) Such other programs involving the pro-
17 duction or procurement of IDPs and other material
18 for Congress as the Public Printer may from time
19 to time establish as new programs or as replace-
20 ments for another program described in this sub-
21 section, or as the Clerk of the House of Representa-
22 tives or the Secretary of the Senate may request.

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

24 “(1) ACTS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.—For pur-
25 poses of paragraph (7) of subsection (b), the Archi-

1 vist of the United States shall furnish to the Public
2 Printer a copy of every Act and joint resolution, as
3 soon as possible after its approval by the President,
4 or after it has become a law under the Constitution
5 without his approval. The Public Printer, on receiv-
6 ing from the Archivist of the United States a copy
7 of an Act or joint resolution, shall print an accurate
8 copy and transmit it in duplicate to the Archivist of
9 the United States for revision. On the return of one
10 of the revised duplicates, he shall make the marked
11 corrections and print the number required under
12 this subchapter.

13 “(2) TREATIES.—For purposes of paragraph
14 (7) of subsection (b), the Secretary of State shall
15 furnish to the Public Printer a copy of each treaty,
16 as soon as possible after ratification. The Public
17 Printer, on receiving from the Secretary of State
18 such copy, shall print an accurate copy and transmit
19 it in duplicate to the Secretary of State for revision.
20 On the return of one of the revised duplicates, he
21 shall make the marked corrections and print the
22 number required under this subchapter.

23 “(d) ROLE OF CLERK OF HOUSE AND SECRETARY
24 OF SENATE.—Except as may otherwise be provided in this
25 subchapter, the Public Printer shall carry out the pro-

1 grams described in subsection (b) in consultation with the
2 Clerk of the House of Representatives (in the case of pro-
3 grams involving the House) and the Secretary of the Sen-
4 ate (in the case of programs involving the Senate).

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

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

11 “(a) PRODUCTS OF A SINGLE HOUSE OF CON-
12 GRESS.—The style, form, and manner of the printing of
13 an information dissemination product (including franks
14 and envelopes) which is authorized by a single House of
15 Congress shall be determined at the beginning of the Con-
16 gress—

17 “(1) in the case of an IDP of the House of
18 Representatives, by the Committee on House Admin-
19 istration of the House of Representatives, upon rec-
20 ommendation from the Clerk of the House; or

21 “(2) in the case of an IDP of the Senate, by
22 the Committee on Rules and Administration of the
23 Senate, upon recommendation from the Secretary of
24 the Senate.

1 “(b) JOINT PRODUCTS.—The style, form, and man-
2 ner of the printing of an information dissemination prod-
3 uct which is authorized jointly by the House of Represent-
4 atives and the Senate during a Congress shall be deter-
5 mined at the beginning of the Congress by the Committee
6 on House Administration and the Committee on Rules and
7 Administration, acting jointly, upon recommendations
8 made jointly by the Clerk of the House and the Secretary
9 of the Senate.

10 “(c) CONTINUATION OF EXISTING STYLE, FORM,
11 AND MANNER.—Unless and until the style, form, and
12 manner of the printing of an IDP (including franks and
13 envelopes) is established for a Congress under this section,
14 the style, form, and manner of the printing of the IDP
15 as established in the immediately previous Congress shall
16 remain in effect.

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

21 “(1) in the case of an IDP of the House of
22 Representatives, by the Committee on House Admin-
23 istration of the House of Representatives;

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

4 “(3) in the case of an IDP which is authorized
5 jointly by the House and Senate, by the Committee
6 on House Administration and the Committee on
7 Rules and Administration, acting jointly.

8 **“§ 323. Determination of number of printed copies of**
9 **documents and reports of Congress**

10 “(a) USUAL NUMBER.—

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

15 “(A) by the Clerk of the House of Rep-
16 resentatives (in accordance with guidelines
17 issued by the Committee on House Administra-
18 tion of the House of Representatives), in the
19 case of a report or other document of the
20 House;

21 “(B) by the Secretary of the Senate (in ac-
22 cordance with guidelines issued by the Com-
23 mittee on Rules and Administration of the Sen-
24 ate), in the case of a report or other document
25 of the Senate; or

1 “(C) by the Clerk and the Secretary acting
2 jointly (in accordance with guidelines issued
3 jointly by the Committee on House Administra-
4 tion and the Committee on Rules and Adminis-
5 tration), in the case of any other document or
6 report of Congress.

7 “(2) CONTINUATION OF NUMBER FROM PRE-
8 VIOUS CONGRESS.—Unless and until the usual num-
9 ber is established for a Congress under this sub-
10 section, the usual number as established in the im-
11 mediately previous Congress shall remain in effect.

12 “(b) ARCHIVAL NUMBER.—

13 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL COP-
14 IES.—In addition to the usual number of copies
15 under subsection (a), the Public Printer may print
16 and bind an archival number of copies of each report
17 or other document of Congress for the use of each
18 House of Congress for purposes of research and
19 long-term storage.

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

23 “(A) by the Committee on House Adminis-
24 tration of the House of Representatives, in the

1 case of a report or other document of the
2 House;

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

6 “(C) the Committee on House Administra-
7 tion and the Committee on Rules and Adminis-
8 tration acting jointly, in the case of any other
9 document or report of Congress.

10 “(3) STANDARDS FOR TANGIBLE COPIES.—

11 “(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1
12 year after the effective date of the GPO Reform
13 Act of 2018, the Public Printer, in consultation
14 with the Archivist of the United States, the Li-
15 brarian of Congress, and other appropriate
16 stakeholders (as identified by the Public Print-
17 er), shall establish standards for tangible archi-
18 val copies of reports and other documents of
19 Congress for purposes of this subsection, and
20 shall review such standards every 10 years
21 thereafter.

22 “(B) REVIEW OF EXISTING DOCUMENTS.—
23 Not later than 1 year after the establishment of
24 the standards described in subparagraph (A),
25 the Public Printer, in coordination with the

1 Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the
2 Senate, shall analyze the extent to which exist-
3 ing reports or other documents of Congress fail
4 to meet such standards and submit a report to
5 the Committee on House Administration and
6 the Committee on Rules and Administration
7 containing such recommendations as the Public
8 Printer considers appropriate in response.

9 “(c) COPIES FOR USE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF
10 DOCUMENTS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the usual
12 number of copies under subsection (a) and the archi-
13 val number of copies under subsection (b), the Pub-
14 lic Printer shall print such number of copies of each
15 report or other document of Congress as the Super-
16 intendent of Documents may establish for purposes
17 of furnishing such documents for the Federal Depos-
18 itory Library Program under chapter 5 of this title.

19 “(2) FORMAT; BINDING.—The Public Printer
20 shall provide the Superintendent of Documents with
21 the copies required under this section in unbound
22 form as soon as practicable after printing is com-
23 pleted, except that any report or other document of
24 sufficient size on any one subject (as established by
25 the Superintendent) shall be bound separately and

1 receive the title suggested by the subject of the vol-
2 ume. The Public Printer shall provide that the
3 bound sets of such reports or other documents are
4 arranged in volumes and bound in a practical and
5 economical manner as established by the Super-
6 intendent.

7 “(d) ADDITIONAL COPIES FOR USE OF CONGRESS
8 AFTER EXHAUSTION OF INITIAL PRINTING.—After the
9 supply of printed copies of a report or other document of
10 Congress made under this section is exhausted, the Public
11 Printer shall reprint an additional number of copies of the
12 report or document as follows:

13 “(1) In the case of a document or report of the
14 House of Representatives, at the direction of the
15 Clerk of the House and in such number as the Com-
16 mittee on House Administration of the House may
17 establish.

18 “(2) In the case of a report or document of the
19 Senate, at the direction of the Secretary of the Sen-
20 ate and in such number as the Committee on Rules
21 and Administration of the Senate may establish.

22 “(3) In the case of any other report or docu-
23 ment of Congress, in such number as the Committee
24 on House Administration and the Committee on
25 Rules and Administration may jointly establish.

1 “(e) ADDITIONAL COPIES UPON REQUEST OF MEM-
2 BERS.—At the request of a Member of Congress, and upon
3 prepayment by the Member of the costs involved, the Pub-
4 lic Printer may reprint additional copies of a document
5 or other report of Congress for the use of the Member,
6 in accordance with guidelines established—

7 “(1) by the Committee on House Administra-
8 tion of the House of Representatives, in the case of
9 a Member of the House; or

10 “(2) by the Committee on Rules and Adminis-
11 tration of the Senate, in the case of a Senator.

12 **“§ 324. Distribution of copies among offices of Con-**
13 **gress**

14 “(a) NUMBER OF COPIES DISTRIBUTED.—During a
15 Congress, the Public Printer shall distribute the copies
16 made of an information dissemination product under this
17 subchapter among offices of Congress in accordance with
18 a distribution schedule established for the Congress—

19 “(1) by the Committee on House Administra-
20 tion of the House of Representatives, in the case of
21 an IDP of the House;

22 “(2) in the case of an IDP of the Senate, by
23 the Committee on Rules and Administration of the
24 Senate, in the case of an IDP of the Senate; or

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

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

7 “(1) by the Committee on House Administra-
8 tion, in the case of the distribution of copies to of-
9 fices of the House; or

10 “(2) by the Committee on Rules and Adminis-
11 tration, in the case of the distribution of copies to
12 offices of the Senate.

13 **“§ 325. Special rules for certain documents and prod-**
14 **ucts**

15 “(a) CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTORY.—Under the direc-
16 tion of the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the
17 Secretary of the Senate (acting jointly), the Public Printer
18 may prepare and print a Congressional Directory, includ-
19 ing supplements and updates, in such number and with
20 such distribution as the Clerk and Secretary may require.

21 “(b) FRANKS AND ENVELOPES.—

22 “(1) AUTHORITY TO PRINT.—At the request of
23 an office of Congress which under law is authorized
24 to send franked mail, acting through the Clerk of
25 the House of Representatives (in the case of an of-

1 fice of the House) or the Secretary of the Senate (in
2 the case of an office of the Senate), the Public
3 Printer shall provide for the printing of envelopes
4 and stationery containing the office's frank for the
5 use of the office, in accordance with guidelines
6 issued—

7 “(A) by the Committee on House Adminis-
8 tration of the House of Representatives, in the
9 case of an office of the House; or

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

13 “(2) PAYMENT OF COSTS.—The guidelines
14 issued pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include re-
15 quirements relating to the payment of the costs in-
16 curred in printing the materials described in such
17 paragraph.

18 “(c) HOUSE AND SENATE MANUALS.—

19 “(1) RULES AND MANUAL OF THE HOUSE.—At
20 the request of the Parliamentarian of the House of
21 Representatives, the Public Printer shall print such
22 number of copies of the Rules and Manual of the
23 House as the Parliamentarian may require.

24 “(2) SENATE MANUAL.—At the request of the
25 Secretary of the Senate, the Public Printer shall

1 print such number of copies of the Senate Manual
2 as the Secretary may require.

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

4 “(1) PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION.—At the be-
5 ginning of each Congress, the Public Printer shall
6 print the Journals of the Senate and House of Rep-
7 resentatives for distribution to—

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

10 “(B) the Senate Library;

11 “(C) the Office of the Secretary of the
12 Senate;

13 “(D) the Clerk of the House of Represent-
14 atives, for distribution to Members and for
15 other purposes established by the Clerk;

16 “(E) the House Library; and

17 “(F) other recipients as may be necessary
18 to fulfill standing orders or as may be required
19 under law.

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

1 “(A) by the Committee on House Adminis-
2 tration of the House, in the case of the Journal
3 of the House; or

4 “(B) by the Committee on Rules and Ad-
5 ministration of the Senate, in the case of the
6 Journal of the Senate.

7 “(3) ALTERNATIVE FORMATS PERMITTED.—

8 “(A) HOUSE.—As directed by the Com-
9 mittee on House Administration of the House,
10 the Clerk of the House may publish the Journal
11 of the House in an alternative form or format.

12 “(B) SENATE.—As directed by the Com-
13 mittee on Rules and Administration of the Sen-
14 ate, the Secretary of the Senate may publish
15 the Journal of the Senate in an alternative
16 form or format.

17 “(e) STATIONERY AND BLANK BOOKS.—Upon req-
18 uisition of the Clerk of the House of Representatives or
19 the Secretary of the Senate (as the case may be) the Pub-
20 lic Printer shall furnish stationery, blank books, tables,
21 forms, and other necessary papers preparatory to legisla-
22 tion as may be required for the official use of the House
23 of Representatives and Senate, or committees and officers
24 of the House and Senate. Nothing in the previous sentence
25 may be construed to prevent the purchase by the officers

1 of the Senate and House of Representatives of stationery
2 and blank books necessary for sale to Senators and Mem-
3 bers in the stationery rooms of the two Houses as provided
4 by law.

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

6 “(1) RESTRICTION ON DISTRIBUTION OF PRINT-
7 ED COPIES.—The printed, bound copies of the
8 United States Statutes at Large may be distributed
9 only to leadership offices (as determined with re-
10 spect to a Congress by the Committee on House Ad-
11 ministration of the House of Representatives in the
12 case of offices of the House, and by the Committee
13 on Rules and Administration of the Senate in the
14 case of offices of the Senate), the Parliamentarians
15 of the House and Senate, the Law Revision Counsel,
16 the General Counsels of the House and Senate, and
17 such other legislative offices as the Committee on
18 House Administration and the Committee on Rule
19 and Administration may direct, as well as to the Su-
20 perintendent of Documents for purposes of chapter
21 5 of this title and the Librarian of Congress.

22 “(2) REFERENCES IN MARGIN.—The Archivist
23 of the United States shall include in the references
24 in margins of the United States Statutes at Large
25 the number of the bill or joint resolution (desig-

1 nating ‘S.’ for a Senate bill, ‘H.R.’ for a House bill,
2 ‘S.J. Res.’ for a Senate joint resolution, and ‘H.J.
3 Res.’ for a House joint resolution, as the case may
4 be) under which each Act was approved and became
5 a law, and shall place such information within brack-
6 ets immediately under the date of the approval of
7 the Act at the beginning of each Act as printed.

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

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

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The authority to print an
11 information dissemination product which is subject
12 to this subchapter shall lapse if the printing is not
13 completed prior to the expiration of the 2-year pe-
14 riod which begins on the date the IDP is authorized
15 to be printed.

16 “(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) does not
17 apply to the printed, bound copies of the United
18 States Statutes at Large or the permanent version
19 of the Congressional Record.

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

22 “(1) the Committee on House Administration of
23 the House of Representatives, in the case of an IDP
24 of the House;

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

4 “(3) the Committee on House Administration
5 and the Committee on Rules and Administration
6 acting jointly, in the case of any other IDP.

7 **“§ 327. Binding of documents for Members of Con-**
8 **gress**

9 “(a) AUTHORIZATION OF BINDING.—

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

18 “(2) RULES.—The Committee on House Ad-
19 ministration of the House of Representatives and
20 the Committee on Rules and Administration of the
21 Senate shall establish rules to govern the use of the
22 services provided under this section to Members of
23 the House and Senators (as the case may be).

24 “(b) BINDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARIES.—
25 Upon requisition of the Clerk of the House of Representa-

1 tives or the Secretary of the Senate (as the case may be),
2 the Public Printer may bind books for the library of a
3 House of Congress, subject to the approval of the Com-
4 mittee on House Administration of the House of Rep-
5 resentatives (in the case of the Clerk) or the Committee
6 on Rules and Administration of the Senate (in the case
7 of the Senate).

8 “SUBCHAPTER C—CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

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

10 “(a) PRODUCTION.—In accordance with this sub-
11 chapter and subject to the requirements of this chapter,
12 chapter 1, and chapter 5 of this title, the Public Printer
13 shall produce and print the Congressional Record.

14 “(b) CONTENTS.—The public proceedings of each
15 House of Congress, as reported by the Official Reporters,
16 shall be included in the Congressional Record and pub-
17 lished in a digital format for purposes of chapter 5 of this
18 title, and shall be issued in daily form during each session
19 and shall be revised and made available promptly for elec-
20 tronic distribution during and after the close of each ses-
21 sion of Congress. The daily and the permanent Record
22 shall bear the same date, which shall be that of the actual
23 day’s proceedings reported.

24 “(c) PRINTING.—Except to the extent permitted
25 under this chapter and chapter 5 of this title, the Govern-

1 ment Publishing Office shall not print the Congressional
2 Record.

3 **“§ 342. Style, form, and manner**

4 “(a) DETERMINATION.—

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

12 “(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF METHODS OF
13 SEARCHING AND INDEXING BY PUBLIC PRINTER.—

14 The Public Printer shall establish appropriate regu-
15 lations to facilitate the searching and indexing of the
16 Congressional Record, including by electronic meth-
17 ods, and to establish a form of an automatic index
18 of the Record.

19 “(b) CRITERIA.—In carrying out this section, the
20 Committees referred to in subsection (a) shall take all
21 needed action for the reduction of unnecessary bulk while
22 ensuring that the Congressional Record is substantially a
23 verbatim report of proceedings.

24 “(c) CONTINUATION OF EXISTING STYLE, FORM,
25 AND MANNER.—Unless and until the style, form, and

1 manner of the printing of the Congressional Record is es-
2 tablished for a Congress under this section, the style,
3 form, and manner of the printing of the Congressional
4 Record as established in the immediately previous Con-
5 gress shall remain in effect.

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

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

11 “(1) the Committee on House Administration of
12 the House of Representatives, in the portion of the
13 Record relating to proceedings of the House of Rep-
14 resentatives; or

15 “(2) the Committee on Rules and Administra-
16 tion of the Senate, in the portion of the Record re-
17 lating to proceedings of the Senate.

18 “(b) ADDITIONAL INSERTIONS.—Material other than
19 the proceedings of Congress may be printed in the Con-
20 gressional Record at such time and in accordance with
21 such schedule as may be established—

22 “(1) by the Committee on House Administra-
23 tion of the House of Representatives, in the case of
24 material printed in the portion of the Record relat-
25 ing to the proceedings of the House; or

1 “(2) by the Committee on Rules and Adminis-
2 tration of the Senate, in the case of material printed
3 in the portion of the Record relating to the pro-
4 ceedings of the Senate.

5 **“§ 344. Congressional Record Index**

6 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND DISSEMINATION OF
7 INDEX.—To facilitate the searching and indexing of the
8 Congressional Record, including a history of bills and reso-
9 lutions, the Public Printer shall establish and disseminate
10 an Index of the Congressional Record.

11 “(b) METHODOLOGY FOR CREATION.—

12 “(1) ELECTRONIC METHODOLOGY.—The Public
13 Printer shall carry out this section using an elec-
14 tronic methodology which is based on an electronic
15 information architecture which provides enhanced
16 metadata creation capabilities based on any form of
17 automatic indexing the Public Printer may adopt for
18 purposes of this section.

19 “(2) TRANSITION FROM MANUAL METHOD-
20 OLOGY.—Until such time as the electronic method-
21 ology described in paragraph (1) is in effect, the
22 Public Printer shall carry out this section using a
23 manual methodology or using such combination of
24 manual and electronic methodologies as the Public
25 Printer considers appropriate.

1 “(3) NOTICE TO COMMITTEES.—Prior to imple-
2 menting any electronic methodology under this sub-
3 section, the Public Printer shall notify the Com-
4 mittee on House Administration of the House of
5 Representatives and the Committee on Rules and
6 Administration of the Senate.

7 “(c) CONSULTATION WITH WORKING GROUP.—The
8 Public Printer shall carry out this section in consultation
9 with a working group consisting of the following:

10 “(1) The Clerk of the House of Representa-
11 tives.

12 “(2) The Secretary of the Senate.

13 “(3) The Legislative Counsel of the House of
14 Representatives.

15 “(4) The Legislative Counsel of the Senate.

16 “(5) The Law Revision Counsel.

17 “(6) The Librarian of Congress.

18 “(7) The Director of the Congressional Re-
19 search Service.

20 “(d) PRINTING NOT REQUIRED.—Nothing in this
21 section shall be construed to require the Public Printer
22 to print the Index established under this section.

1 **“§ 345. Printing and delivering extracts of Record for**
2 **Members of Congress**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Public Printer may print
4 and deliver, upon the order of a Member of Congress, act-
5 ing through the Clerk of the House of Representatives (in
6 the case of a Member of the House) or the Secretary of
7 the Senate (in the case of a Senator), and payment in
8 advance of the cost, extracts from the Congressional
9 Record.

10 “(b) USE OF ENVELOPES.—The Public Printer may
11 provide for a franked envelope for the mailing of an ex-
12 tract under subsection (a), upon the order of a Member
13 of Congress, acting through the Clerk of the House of
14 Representatives (in the case of a Member of the House)
15 or the Secretary of the Senate (in the case of a Senator),
16 in accordance with the criteria applicable under this chap-
17 ter for publishing and providing such envelopes.

18 **“§ 346. Delivery and distribution of copies**

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

25 “(1) by the Committee on House Administra-
26 tion of the House of Representatives, in the case of

1 Members and offices of the House of Representa-
2 tives; and

3 “(2) by the Committee on Rules and Adminis-
4 tration of the Senate, in the case of Senators and
5 offices of the Senate.

6 “(b) DISTRIBUTION TO OTHER OFFICES OF THE
7 GOVERNMENT.—The Public Printer may furnish printed
8 copies of the daily and bound editions of the Congressional
9 Record to such other offices of the Government that are
10 not described in subsection (a) as the Committee on House
11 Administration and the Committee on Rules and Adminis-
12 tration, acting jointly, may direct, at such times and in
13 such quantities as such Committees may establish.

14 “SUBCHAPTER D—SALES PROGRAM

15 “§ 361. Sales program

16 “(a) AUTHORIZATION OF SALES PROGRAM.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Public Printer may op-
18 erate a program for the sale of information dissemi-
19 nation products to the public.

20 “(2) FORMAT OF PRODUCTS OFFERED.—The
21 Public Printer may offer products for sale under the
22 program in any form or format (including tangible
23 and electronic), except that if the Public Printer
24 makes alterations to the product by reformatting or
25 otherwise manipulating the original form or format

1 of the content of the product to prepare it for sale,
2 the Public Printer must disclose such alterations on
3 the product.

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

8 “(b) ACQUISITION OF PRODUCTS.—

9 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL PRODUC-
10 TION OR PROCUREMENT.—The Public Printer may
11 produce or procure additional copies of IDPs for the
12 use of the sales program, so long as such production
13 or procurement does not interfere with the prompt
14 execution of IDP production or procurement for the
15 Government.

16 “(2) REPRINTING OF DOCUMENTS.—In the case
17 of an IDP which consists of a document, the Public
18 Printer may from time to time reprint additional
19 copies of the document for sale under the program,
20 so long as the Public Printer notifies the office
21 which created the IDP.

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

25 “(c) RESALE BY COMMERCIAL VENDORS.—

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

6 “(2) NO EFFECT ON PUBLIC ACCESS.—Nothing
7 in paragraph (1) may be construed to remove any
8 IDP which is subject to resale under such paragraph
9 (including the original text and the underlying data)
10 from the public domain, or to waive any requirement
11 that the IDP be available for no-fee public access
12 under chapter 5.

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

14 “(a) OPERATION OF PROGRAM ON SELF-SUSTAINING
15 BASIS.—To the greatest extent feasible, the Public Printer
16 shall operate the sales program under this subchapter on
17 a self-sustaining basis, so that the prices of the informa-
18 tion dissemination products sold will cover the cost of pro-
19 curement or production, dissemination, and other appro-
20 priate costs associated with of the program as determined
21 by the Public Printer, including the offering of sales dis-
22 counts.

23 “(b) SPECIAL RULE FOR FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LI-
24 BRARY PROGRAM.—The Public Printer shall ensure that
25 any IDP (regardless of form or format) which is made

1 available for sale under the sales program is offered to
2 the Superintendent of Documents for purposes of chapter
3 5 of this title at no greater than the applicable price de-
4 scribed in subsection (a)(2) of section 503.

5 **“§ 363. Inventory**

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

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

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

16 “(2) if the Superintendent rejects the offer, the
17 office which created the IDPs.

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

“SUBCHAPTER A—NATIONAL COLLECTION OF INFORMATION DISSEMINATION
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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 Publishing Office and
13 offices of the Federal Government to ensure that
14 members of the public throughout the United States

1 have effective, no-fee access to government informa-
2 tion.

3 “(3) The majority of government information
4 currently produced is in electronic format. As a re-
5 sult, 97% of new information available through the
6 Federal Depository Library Program is in electronic
7 format.

8 “(4) Government has a responsibility to dis-
9 seminate and provide permanent public access to in-
10 formation in order to ensure that members of the
11 public are fully aware of the activities of their gov-
12 ernment, to spur innovation and research, and to
13 promote good government.

14 “(b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this chapter to
15 promote the greatest possible public access to information
16 dissemination products by authorizing the Superintendent
17 of Documents to—

18 “(1) establish a national collection of informa-
19 tion dissemination products and to provide no-fee,
20 permanent public access to such collection through
21 an online repository established and operated by the
22 Public Printer under subchapter B and through the
23 Federal Depository Library Program under sub-
24 chapter C;

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

3 “(3) carry out a by-law distribution program
4 and an international exchange service program
5 under subchapter D; and

6 “(4) collaborate with offices of the Federal gov-
7 ernment, Federal Depository Libraries, and library
8 associations and consortia.

9 **“§ 502. National collection of information dissemina-**
10 **tion products**

11 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF COLLECTION.—In order to
12 provide permanent public access to information dissemina-
13 tion products that may be of public interest or educational
14 value, in accordance with this subchapter, the Super-
15 intendent of Documents shall establish a comprehensive,
16 national collection of information dissemination products
17 which are determined to be appropriate for inclusion in
18 the collection.

19 “(b) PUBLIC ACCESS TO COLLECTION.—Except as
20 provided in subsection (c), the Superintendent shall pro-
21 vide permanent public access to all of the information dis-
22 semination products which are included in the national
23 collection through each of the following means:

24 “(1) The online repository established and oper-
25 ated by the Public Printer under subchapter B.

1 “(2) The Federal Depository Library Program
2 under subchapter C.

3 “(3) Methods established for access to products
4 in incompatible formats, as determined under section
5 503(b)(2).

6 “(4) Cataloging, indexing, and locator informa-
7 tion services under section 506.

8 “(c) NO PUBLIC ACCESS FOR CERTAIN PRODUCTS.—

9 “(1) PRODUCTS DESCRIBED.—The Super-
10 intendent shall not provide public access to an infor-
11 mation dissemination product which is included in
12 the national collection under this subchapter if any
13 of the following apply:

14 “(A) The product is a cooperative publica-
15 tion which must necessarily be sold in order to
16 be self-sustaining, unless the applicable official
17 enters into an agreement with the Super-
18 intendent to make the product accessible to the
19 public.

20 “(B) The product contains information the
21 disclosure of which would constitute a clearly
22 unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

23 “(C) Prohibiting public access to the prod-
24 uct is necessary to comply with relevant law.

1 “(2) SPECIAL RULE FOR PRODUCTS MADE
2 AVAILABLE ON WEBSITES OF OFFICES.—Paragraph
3 (1) does not apply with respect to an information
4 dissemination product which an office disseminates
5 in electronic form to the public at no cost.

6 “(3) NOTIFICATION BY APPLICABLE OFFI-
7 CIALS.—Each applicable official shall notify the Su-
8 perintendent of each instance in which an informa-
9 tion dissemination product is subject to paragraph
10 (1).

11 “(d) HISTORIC COLLECTION.—In addition to main-
12 taining the national collection under this subchapter, the
13 Superintendent shall oversee the maintenance of informa-
14 tion dissemination products which were created and dis-
15 tributed prior to the effective date of the GPO Reform
16 Act of 2018.

17 “(e) APPLICABLE OFFICIAL DEFINED.—In this sub-
18 chapter, the ‘applicable official’ with respect to an infor-
19 mation dissemination product is as follows:

20 “(1) In the case of an IDP originating in an of-
21 fice of the executive branch, the head of the office
22 in which the IDP originated.

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

1 “(A) if the IDP originated in an office of
2 the House of Representatives, the ‘applicable
3 official’ is the Clerk of the House of Represent-
4 atives; and

5 “(B) if the IDP originated in the Senate,
6 the ‘applicable official’ is the Secretary of the
7 Senate.

8 “(3) In the case of an IDP originating in the
9 judicial branch, the Director of the Administrative
10 Office of the United States Courts or the Clerk of
11 the United States Supreme Court (as the case may
12 be).

13 **“§ 503. Responsibility of offices of Government to fur-**
14 **nish products to Superintendent of Docu-**
15 **ments**

16 “(a) REQUIREMENT TO FURNISH PRODUCTS.—

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

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

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

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

11 “(b) FORM AND FORMAT.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In furnishing an informa-
13 tion dissemination product to the Superintendent of
14 Documents under this subchapter, the applicable of-
15 ficial shall deposit with and notify the Super-
16 intendent of digital or tangible (as applicable)
17 versions of such IDP, regardless of the form or for-
18 mat of the product, in such manner as will enable
19 the Superintendent to perform cataloging, indexing,
20 and locator services with respect to the IDP under
21 section 506 and authentication with respect to the
22 IDP under section 522.

23 “(2) SPECIAL RULE FOR INCOMPATIBLE FOR-
24 MATS.—

1 “(A) PROVIDING LOCATION AND ACCESS.—
2 If the form or format of an IDP is not compat-
3 ible with the electronic systems of the Govern-
4 ment Publishing Office, and it is not practicable
5 to make the form or format of the IDP compat-
6 ible with such systems, the applicable official
7 shall meet the requirements of this section by
8 providing the Superintendent with information
9 on where the content of the IDP is held and
10 how the Superintendent may access the content,
11 and by providing access to and preserving the
12 content of the IDP.

13 “(B) CATALOGING, PUBLIC ACCESS, AND
14 PRESERVATION.—The Superintendent, in con-
15 sultation with the applicable official, shall deter-
16 mine the best method to catalog, provide public
17 access to (including through the Federal Depos-
18 itory Library Program under subchapter C),
19 and preserve an IDP which is subject to sub-
20 paragraph (A).

21 “(c) NOTIFICATIONS REGARDING CHANGES IN PRO-
22 DUCTION OR PROCUREMENT OF PRODUCTS.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The applicable official shall
24 immediately notify the Superintendent of the intent
25 of an office to produce or procure, substantially

1 modify, or terminate the production of an informa-
2 tion dissemination product, regardless of form or
3 format, in order to enable the Superintendent to
4 continue to provide public access to the product
5 under this chapter, including access through the
6 Federal Depository Library Program under sub-
7 chapter C at the applicable price described in sub-
8 section (a)(2). Nothing in this paragraph shall be
9 construed to affect the application of section 3506 of
10 this title to any office or applicable official.

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

1 “(3) RESTRICTIONS ON AUTHORITY TO ELIMI-
2 NATE PRINTED COPIES OF PRODUCTS.—An office
3 may not terminate the production of an information
4 dissemination product, eliminate the production or
5 availability in tangible form of an information dis-
6 semination product, or otherwise limit the provision
7 of public access to such product to only electronic
8 means, until the expiration of the 70-day period
9 which begins on the date the head of the office noti-
10 fies the Superintendent of Documents of the intent
11 to terminate such production, eliminate such produc-
12 tion or availability in tangible form, or limit such ac-
13 cess to electronic means (as the case may be).

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

17 “(1) the Superintendent is authorized to obtain
18 the IDP; and

19 “(2) the office of the applicable official shall re-
20 imburse the Superintendent for the costs incurred in
21 obtaining and disseminating the IDP.

22 “(e) ADDITIONAL METHODS OF OBTAINING PROD-
23 UCTS.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the proce-
25 dures in this section, the Superintendent of Docu-

1 ments may use any other means not prohibited by
2 law to obtain an information dissemination product
3 for inclusion in the national collection under this
4 subchapter.

5 “(2) COLLECTION OF PRODUCTS IN COLLEC-
6 TION OF FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES.—The
7 Superintendent may enter into arrangements with a
8 Federal Depository Library under subchapter C to
9 obtain from such Library any IDPs in the Library’s
10 own collection of documents and materials and the
11 metadata associated with any such IDPs.

12 “(f) ROLE OF PUBLIC PRINTER.—

13 “(1) SUPERVISION AND OVERSIGHT.—The Su-
14 perintendent of Documents shall carry out this sec-
15 tion under the supervision of the Public Printer, who
16 shall be responsible for ensuring the compliance of
17 offices of the Federal government with this section.

18 “(2) AVAILABILITY OF GPO PRODUCTS.—The
19 Public Printer shall provide the Superintendent with
20 adequate metadata and copies, in digital and tan-
21 gible form (if available) of all information dissemina-
22 tion products produced or procured by the Govern-
23 ment Publishing Office.

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

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—This section shall apply
5 with respect to any information dissemination prod-
6 uct produced or procured on or after the effective
7 date of the GPO Reform Act of 2018.

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

11 “(A) INVENTORY OF PRODUCTS.—Not
12 later than 1 year after the date of the enact-
13 ment of the GPO Reform Act of 2018, the ap-
14 plicable official of each office shall provide the
15 Superintendent of Documents with an inventory
16 of, and access to, all electronic information dis-
17 semination products (as defined in section 505)
18 which originated in the office prior to the effec-
19 tive date of such Act.

20 “(B) FURNISHING OF PRODUCTS TO LI-
21 BRARIES.—If, in the same manner applicable to
22 information dissemination products under sec-
23 tion 502(b), the Superintendent and the appli-
24 cable official determine that a product in the in-
25 ventory provided under subparagraph (A) would

1 be appropriate for inclusion in the national col-
2 lection under this subchapter (if the product
3 were procured or produced after the effective
4 date of the GPO Reform Act of 2018), the ap-
5 plicable official shall furnish the product to the
6 Superintendent for distribution to Federal De-
7 pository Libraries under subchapter C, as de-
8 termined by the Superintendent.

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

13 **“§ 504. Requirements for agreements to produce or**
14 **procure products**

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

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

24 “(2) The contract includes a requirement that
25 the office shall ensure that the product will be fur-

1 nished to the Superintendent in accordance with the
2 requirements of this chapter, including any require-
3 ment regarding the number, type, and format of
4 copies of the product.

5 “(3) The contract includes a requirement that
6 the office shall meet such conditions as the Super-
7 intendent may require to ensure no-fee public access
8 to the product in accordance with this chapter.

9 “(b) PRIOR CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE TO SUPER-
10 INTENDENT.—No production or procurement of an IDP
11 may take place under a contract described in subsection
12 (a) until the applicable official verifies that notice of the
13 contract was provided to the Superintendent of Docu-
14 ments.

15 “(c) ROLE OF PUBLIC PRINTER.—The Super-
16 intendent of Documents shall carry out this section under
17 the supervision of the Public Printer, who shall be respon-
18 sible for ensuring the compliance of offices of the Federal
19 government with this section.

20 **“§ 505. Special requirements for electronic informa-**
21 **tion dissemination products**

22 “(a) TYPES OF MATERIAL REQUIRED TO BE FUR-
23 NISHED TO SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS.—For
24 purposes of section 503, upon request of the Super-
25 intendent of Documents, the applicable official shall

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

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

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

22 “(2) TREATMENT OF ONLINE FEE-FOR-SERVICE
23 PROGRAMS.—If an office of the Government makes
24 IDPs available to the public online under a fee-for-
25 service program, the office shall ensure that the Su-

1 perintendent of Documents has access to such serv-
2 ices, at a cost no greater than the applicable price
3 described in section 503(a)(2), so that the Super-
4 intendent may make such services available to Fed-
5 eral Depository Libraries under subchapter C.

6 “(c) ONLINE PUBLIC ACCESS DURING TRANSITION
7 TO ONLINE REPOSITORY.—If, at any time after the effec-
8 tive date of the GPO Reform Act of 2018, the online re-
9 pository under subchapter B is not in operation, each of-
10 fice in which an electronic information dissemination prod-
11 uct originates shall provide permanent public access to the
12 IDP through an electronic communications system or net-
13 work.

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

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

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

23 “(2) perform cataloging, locator, and indexing
24 services with respect to any information dissemina-
25 tion products which are not included in the national

1 collection because they were created prior to the ef-
2 fective date of the GPO Reform Act of 2018; and

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

8 “(b) CATALOG OF GOVERNMENT PRODUCTS.—

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

19 “(2) NATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORDS IN-
20 VENTORY.—The Superintendent shall carry out a
21 program to bring fugitive documents under biblio-
22 graphic control and to make records associated with
23 such documents available through the Catalog estab-
24 lished and maintained under paragraph (1) and
25 other appropriate bibliographic utilities.

1 “(c) DIGITIZATION.—

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

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

14 “(d) AUTHORIZING ACTIVITIES TO BE CARRIED OUT
15 BY OTHER ENTITIES.—

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

22 “(2) TREATMENT OF WORK PRODUCT AS WORK
23 OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR PURPOSES OF
24 COPYRIGHT.—For purposes of section 105 of title
25 17, any work product produced under an agreement

1 entered into under paragraph (1) shall be considered
2 a work of the United States Government.

3 “(e) COORDINATION WITH OTHER LEGISLATIVE
4 BRANCH OFFICIALS.—In carrying out this section, the
5 Superintendent shall coordinate and consult with appro-
6 priate officials of the legislative branch, including the
7 Clerk of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of
8 the Senate, and the Librarian of Congress, with respect
9 to the dissemination of information dissemination prod-
10 ucts under this subchapter for inclusion in the legislative
11 information retrieval system established and operated
12 under section 209 of the Legislative Branch Appropria-
13 tions Act, 1996 (2 U.S.C. 180).

14 **“§ 507. Collection development plan**

15 “(a) PLAN.—The Superintendent of Documents shall
16 establish a collection development plan for the national
17 collection of information dissemination products under
18 this subchapter, taking into consideration the require-
19 ments of the online repository under subchapter B and
20 the needs of the Federal Depository Library Program
21 under subchapter C.

22 “(b) REGULATIONS.—The collection development
23 plan under this section shall be carried out in accordance
24 with regulations promulgated under this subchapter.

1 **“§ 508. Replacement and removal of products from**
2 **national collection**

3 “(a) LIMITATION ON REPLACEMENT AND RE-
4 MOVAL.—An information dissemination product may not
5 be replaced or removed from the national collection under
6 this subchapter except as provided under the policies de-
7 scribed in subsection (b).

8 “(b) POLICIES.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Superintendent of
10 Documents shall carry out each of the following poli-
11 cies with respect to the information dissemination
12 products, regardless of form or format, which are in-
13 cluded in the national collection under this sub-
14 chapter:

15 “(A) A policy for the replacement of an
16 IDP in case of error.

17 “(B) A policy for the removal of an IDP
18 when required to comply with relevant law.

19 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The policies described
20 in paragraph (1) shall provided for—

21 “(A) notification of the replacement or re-
22 moval to the public and the Federal Depository
23 Libraries; and

24 “(B) compliance with relevant law, includ-
25 ing the need for the preservation of materials

1 for archival purposes with the National Ar-
2 chives and Records Administration.

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

6 “SUBCHAPTER B—ONLINE REPOSITORY

7 “§ 521. Establishment and operation of online reposit-
8 **ory for no-fee access to information dis-**
9 **semination products**

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

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

21 “(c) PRESERVATION OF PRODUCTS.—The Public
22 Printer shall ensure the preservation for permanent public
23 access of information dissemination products included in
24 the online repository, including through a program pro-
25 viding for the permanent retention of digital materials.

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

2 “(a) REQUIRING AUTHENTICATION.—To the greatest
3 extent practicable, the Public Printer shall ensure that
4 each information dissemination product made available on
5 the online repository under this subchapter is authenti-
6 cated, identify the product’s chain of custody or other
7 provenance, and verify that the product is complete and
8 unaltered.

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

13 **“§ 523. Privacy of users**

14 “(a) PROTECTING USER PRIVACY.—Not later than
15 180 days after the date of the enactment of the GPO Re-
16 form Act of 2018, the Superintendent of Documents shall
17 implement measures to protect the privacy of individuals
18 using the online repository under this subchapter, and
19 shall ensure that such measures provide users with at least
20 the same level of privacy as provided under section 552a
21 of title 5 (commonly known as the Privacy Act of 1974)
22 and section 208 of the E-Government Act of 2002 (Public
23 Law 107-347; set out as a note under section 3501 of
24 this title).

1 “(C) such information dissemination prod-
2 ucts as are provided for in this subchapter; and

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

6 **“§ 542. Requirements for Federal Depository Librar-**
7 **ies**

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

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

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

24 “(3) The library shall meet such other addi-
25 tional requirements as the Superintendent may es-

1 tabish by regulations promulgated under this sub-
2 chapter.

3 “(b) MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL OF DEPOSITED
4 IDPs.—In addition to the requirements described in sub-
5 section (a), each library designated as a Federal Deposi-
6 tory Library under this subchapter shall maintain the in-
7 formation dissemination products furnished to the library
8 by the Superintendent under this chapter (regardless of
9 form or format) in accordance with such policies as the
10 Superintendent may establish, and may remove any such
11 products only in accordance with such policies as the Su-
12 perintendent may establish (consistent with the require-
13 ments of section 545 in the case of Regional Depository
14 Libraries).

15 “(c) MANAGEMENT OF IDPS IN TANGIBLE FORM.—
16 Any information dissemination product which is deposited
17 with a Federal Depository Library under this subchapter
18 in tangible form remains the property of the United States
19 Government unless the IDP is donated to the Library
20 under section 543(b).

21 “(d) REGULATIONS.—The Superintendent shall es-
22 tablish the requirements of this section in accordance with
23 regulations promulgated under this subchapter. Such reg-
24 ulations shall encourage participation by a broad and di-
25 verse group of libraries, and may not establish a limit on

1 the number of libraries which may be designated under
2 this section.

3 **“§ 543. Services available for depository libraries**

4 “(a) OPTIONAL DIGITAL DEPOSIT.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—At the option of the Li-
6 brary, a Federal Depository Library may receive di-
7 rectly from the Superintendent of Documents depos-
8 its in electronic format of information dissemination
9 products included in the national collection, unless
10 impracticable, in accordance with regulations pro-
11 mulgated under this subchapter.

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

21 “(b) DONATION OF IDPs.—If an information dis-
22 semination product deposited with a Federal Depository
23 Library is no longer needed for purposes of this sub-
24 chapter, the Superintendent may donate the product to

1 the Library, in accordance with regulations promulgated
2 under this subchapter.

3 “(c) AVAILABILITY OF TRAINING PROGRAM FOR USE
4 OF LIBRARIES.—

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

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

17 **“§ 544. Selective Depository Libraries**

18 “(a) SELECTIVE 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 Selective Depository Library if the Library meets the fol-
22 lowing requirements:

23 “(1) The Library provides access to selected in-
24 formation dissemination products in tangible form
25 as provided by the Superintendent of Documents,

1 under regulations promulgated under this sub-
2 chapter.

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

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

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

15 “(b) REGULATIONS; LIMITATION ON NUMBER.—The
16 Superintendent shall carry out this section in accordance
17 with regulations promulgated under this subchapter. Such
18 regulations shall provide for an adequate number and dis-
19 tribution of Selective Depository Libraries in order to
20 meet the information needs of the public, and shall not
21 prevent the designation of at least one Selective Deposi-
22 tory Library in each congressional district.

23 **“§ 545. Regional Depository Libraries**

24 “(a) REGIONAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES DE-
25 SCRIBED.—A library which is designated as a Federal De-

1 pository Library may, at its request, be designated as a
2 Regional Depository Library if the Library meets the fol-
3 lowing requirements:

4 “(1) The Library agrees to receive its informa-
5 tion dissemination products from the Superintendent
6 of Documents for purposes of this subchapter in
7 tangible form, except that the Library may decline
8 to receive an IDP in tangible form if the complete,
9 unaltered, and authenticated IDP is available
10 through the online repository under subchapter B.

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

13 “(3) The Library coordinates and collaborates
14 with Selective Depository Libraries to maintain ac-
15 cess to the collection of IDPs available within the re-
16 gion, including IDPs deposited prior to the library’s
17 designation as a Federal Depository Library under
18 this subchapter, and may do so by housing some of
19 its collection at one or more Selective Depository Li-
20 braries pursuant to an agreement with such Selec-
21 tive Depository Library.

22 “(4) The Library agrees to provide services
23 under this subchapter to Selective Depository Li-
24 braries under agreements facilitated by the Super-

1 intendent of Documents, in accordance with regula-
2 tions promulgated under this subchapter.

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

6 “(b) WITHDRAWAL OF COLLECTION OF TANGIBLE
7 IDPs.—A Regional Depository Library may withdraw
8 from its collection an IDP which is in tangible form, but
9 only if—

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

12 “(2) the Superintendent has identified for pres-
13 ervation an appropriate number of copies of the IDP
14 in tangible form in a sufficient number of Federal
15 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 may pay the costs of the relo-
24 cation, including related cataloging and transportation
25 costs.

1 “(d) REGULATIONS; CONTENTS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Superintendent shall
3 carry out this section in accordance with regulations
4 promulgated under this subchapter. Such regulations
5 shall—

6 “(A) in establishing criteria for agreements
7 between Regional Depository Libraries and Se-
8 lective Depository Libraries (as described in
9 paragraph (4) of subsection (a)), give pref-
10 erence to any consortia and similar collabo-
11 rative efforts in effect between such Libraries,
12 without regard to geographic restrictions;

13 “(B) limit the number of Regional Deposi-
14 tory Libraries located in any State to 2; and

15 “(C) unless impracticable, provide for the
16 designation of at least 2 Regional Depository
17 Libraries in each census region.

18 “(2) CONSULTATION.—In establishing regula-
19 tions under paragraph (1), the Superintendent shall
20 consult with Selective Depository Libraries and Re-
21 gional Depository Libraries.

22 **“§ 546. Preservation Depository Libraries**

23 “(a) PRESERVATION DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES DE-
24 SCRIBED.—A library which is designated as a Federal De-
25 pository Library may, at its request, be designated as a

1 Preservation Depository Library if the Library enters into
2 an agreement with the Superintendent of Documents to
3 assist the Superintendent with the preservation of infor-
4 mation dissemination products in the national collection
5 under subchapter A.

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

12 “(c) PRESERVATION AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER
13 ENTITIES.—In addition to designating Preservation De-
14 pository Libraries under this section, the Superintendent
15 may enter in agreements with other entities to assist the
16 Superintendent with the preservation of information dis-
17 semination products in the national collection under sub-
18 chapter A.

19 “(d) REGULATIONS.—The Superintendent shall carry
20 out this section in accordance with regulations promul-
21 gated under this subchapter. Under such regulations, the
22 Superintendent shall seek to designate Preservation De-
23 pository Libraries in a manner which promotes geographic
24 diversity.

1 **“§ 547. Procedures for designation**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Superintendent of Docu-
3 ments may designate a library as a Federal Depository
4 Library under this subchapter if the Library provides the
5 Superintendent (at such time and in such form as the Su-
6 perintendent may require) such information and assur-
7 ances as the Superintendent may require to determine
8 that the library will meet the applicable requirements of
9 this subchapter, in accordance with regulations promul-
10 gated under this subchapter.

11 “(b) TERMINATION OF DESIGNATION.—

12 “(1) TERMINATION.—The designation of a li-
13 brary as a Federal Depository Library, Selective De-
14 pository Library, Regional Depository Library, or
15 Preservation Depository Library under this sub-
16 chapter may be terminated by the Superintendent
17 only—

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

21 “(B) at the request of the library.

22 “(2) CRITERIA FOR DETERMINATION.—The de-
23 termination by the Superintendent under subpara-
24 graph (A) of paragraph (1) shall be made in accord-
25 ance with regulations promulgated under this sub-

1 chapter which shall provide for a reasonable oppor-
2 tunity for remediation.

3 “SUBCHAPTER D—OTHER PROGRAMS AND
4 AUTHORITIES

5 “§ 561. **By-law distribution program**

6 “(a) NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINIS-
7 TRATION.—For each fiscal year, the Superintendent shall
8 deliver information dissemination products to the National
9 Archives and Records Administration for use by the Archi-
10 vist of the United States, including use by the Presidential
11 Library established for the President during whose term
12 the IDPs were produced, based on a determination made
13 by the Archivist and the Superintendent jointly of the
14 number of IDPs necessary for the use of the Archivist.

15 “(b) FOREIGN DISSEMINATION.—

16 “(1) UNITED STATES LEGATIONS AND CON-
17 SULATES.—The Superintendent may disseminate an
18 information dissemination product to a legation or
19 consulate of the United States only if the Secretary
20 of State, by an order to be recorded in the State De-
21 partment, determines that the dissemination is suit-
22 able for and required by the legation and consulate.

23 “(2) FOREIGN LEGATIONS.—The Super-
24 intendent may disseminate an information dissemi-
25 nation product to a foreign legation to the United

1 States only upon request of the Secretary of State,
2 and only in such number as the Secretary provides
3 in the request. The Superintendent may disseminate
4 an IDP to a foreign legation to the United States
5 without cost only if the government of such legation
6 furnishes copies of its printed and legislative docu-
7 ments to legations of the United States.

8 “(e) LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND CONGRESSIONAL
9 RESEARCH SERVICE.—

10 “(1) LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.—For each fiscal
11 year, the Superintendent shall furnish to the Library
12 of Congress a number of full and partial sets of in-
13 formation dissemination products in a timely man-
14 ner, based on a determination made by the Librar-
15 ian of Congress and transmitted to the Super-
16 intendent of the number of sets necessary for the Li-
17 brary to provide services to Congress and to main-
18 tain its collections for such fiscal year.

19 “(2) CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE.—
20 For each fiscal year, the Superintendent shall fur-
21 nish to the Congressional Research Service a num-
22 ber of full and partial sets of information dissemina-
23 tion products in a timely manner, based on a deter-
24 mination made by the Director of the Congressional
25 Research Service and transmitted to the Super-

1 intendent of the number of sets necessary to provide
2 services to Congress for such fiscal year. The Direc-
3 tor shall make a payment for the costs incurred by
4 the Superintendent in furnishing IDPs under this
5 paragraph, and for the related costs of carrying out
6 this paragraph, based on the incremental costs of
7 printing, using funds appropriated to the Director
8 for such purpose.

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

10 “(a) DISSEMINATION THROUGH LIBRARIAN OF CON-
11 GRESS.—For each fiscal year, the Superintendent shall
12 furnish a number of full and partial sets of information
13 dissemination products in a timely manner to the Library
14 of Congress to enable the Librarian of Congress to meet
15 the requirements of international exchange service pro-
16 grams for such fiscal year, based on a determination made
17 by the Librarian of Congress and transmitted to the Su-
18 perintendent of the number of sets necessary for such pur-
19 pose. The costs of carrying out this subsection shall be
20 charged to appropriations provided for the Superintendent
21 for purposes of this subsection.

22 “(b) INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE SERVICE PRO-
23 GRAMS DESCRIBED.—In this section, an ‘international ex-
24 change service program’ is any program to fully carry into
25 effect the convention concluded at Brussels on March 15,

1 1886, and proclaimed by the President of the United
2 States on January 15, 1889, and all subsequent bilateral
3 and multilateral treaties and agreements under which cop-
4 ies of Government publications are provided for distribu-
5 tion to foreign governments which agree, as indicated by
6 the Librarian of Congress, to send to the United States
7 similar publications of their governments for delivery to
8 the Library of Congress.

9 **“§ 563. Acceptance of gifts**

10 “The Public Printer may accept and use gifts and
11 bequests of property (both real and personal) and services
12 in support of the Superintendent’s responsibilities under
13 this chapter.

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

15 “(a) PLENARY AUTHORITY TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AC-
16 CESS TO PRODUCTS.—Consistent with this chapter and
17 other applicable laws, the Public Printer may take such
18 measures as the Public Printer considers necessary to en-
19 sure the timely dissemination of information dissemination
20 products to the public and to expand and improve the
21 maintenance of permanent public access to such products.

22 “(b) REGULATIONS.—Any regulations required to
23 carry out any subchapter of this chapter shall be promul-
24 gated by the Public Printer, on behalf of the Super-

1 intendent of Documents, in accordance with the require-
2 ments of section 107.

3 **“§ 565. Source of funds used to carry out programs**
4 **and activities**

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

10 **SEC. 102. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 44, UNITED**
11 **STATES CODE.**

12 (a) PREPARATION OF FEDERAL REGISTER AND
13 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS.—(1) The last sen-
14 tence of section 1504 is amended by striking “by sections
15 1705 and 1708 of this title” and inserting “by subchapter
16 D of chapter 3 of this title”.

17 (2) Section 1509(a) is amended—

18 (A) in the first sentence, by striking “section
19 309” and inserting “section 103”; and

20 (B) in the second sentence, by striking “section
21 309(b)” and inserting “section 103(c)”.

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

24 (1) by striking chapters 17 and 19;

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

4 (3) by striking chapters 39 and 41.

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

7 (1) by striking the items relating to chapters 1,
8 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13 and inserting the following:

“CHAPTER 1—GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

“CHAPTER 3—IMPLEMENTATION OF AUTHORITIES

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

9 (2) by striking the items relating to chapters
10 17, 19, 39, and 41.

11 **SEC. 103. OTHER CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

12 (a) TITLE 1, UNITED STATES CODE.—(1) Section
13 107 of title 1, United States Code, is amended by striking
14 “the Joint Committee on Printing” and inserting “the
15 Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary
16 of the Senate, acting jointly”.

17 (2) Section 212 of title 1, United States Code, is
18 amended by striking “the Superintendent of Documents”
19 and inserting “the Public Printer of the United States”.

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

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

4 (B) in subsection (b) of the first undesignated
5 section (2 U.S.C. 28b(b)), by striking “section 701
6 of title 44, United States Code” and inserting “sub-
7 chapter B of chapter 3 of title 44, United States
8 Code”;

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

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

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

20 (c) TITLE 4, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section
21 145(a) of title 4, United States Code, is amended—

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

24 (2) in paragraph (3)—

1 (A) by striking “the Superintendent of
2 Documents” and inserting “the Public Printer
3 of the United States”; and

4 (B) by striking “the Joint Committee on
5 Printing” and inserting “the Committee on
6 House Administration of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives and the Committee on Rules and
8 Administration of the Senate, acting jointly”.

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

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

23 (f) PROVISIONS OF LAW CODIFIED IN TITLE 20,
24 UNITED STATES CODE.—(1) Section 5(c) of the National
25 Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 (20

1 U.S.C. 954(c)) is amended in the matter following para-
2 graph (10) by striking “In the case of publications” and
3 all that follows through “such section 501.”.

4 (2) Section 7(c) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 956(c)) is
5 amended in the matter following paragraph (10) by strik-
6 ing “In the case of publications” and all that follows
7 through “such section 501.”.

8 (g) 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 (h) 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 (i) 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 Any reference to the Director of the Government
3 Publishing Office in any law, rule, regulation, or other of-
4 ficial paper in effect as of the effective date of this Act
5 shall be considered to refer and apply to the Public Printer
6 of the United States.

7 **TITLE II—TRANSITION**

8 **SEC. 201. TERMINATION OF EXISTING AUTHORITIES OF**
9 **JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.**

10 Any letter, regulation, resolution, rule, or waiver
11 issued prior to the effective date of this Act by the Joint
12 Committee on Printing with respect to the operations and
13 activities of the Government Publishing Office shall have
14 no force or effect.

15 **SEC. 202. TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY HOLD-**
16 **ING POSITIONS.**

17 (a) DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OF-
18 FICE.—For purposes of title 44, United States Code, as
19 amended by this Act, the individual holding the position
20 of the Director of the Government Publishing Office as
21 of the effective date of this Act shall be deemed to meet
22 the qualifications for the position of Public Printer of the
23 United States, and shall be deemed to have been first ap-
24 pointed to such position starting on the effective date of
25 this Act.

1 (b) DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT PUB-
2 LISHING OFFICE.—For purposes of title 44, United States
3 Code, as amended by this Act, the individual holding the
4 position of the Deputy Director of the Government Pub-
5 lishing Office as of the effective date of this Act shall be
6 deemed to meet the qualifications for the position of Dep-
7 uty Public Printer of the United States, and shall be
8 deemed to have been first appointed to such position start-
9 ing on the effective date of this Act.

10 (c) OTHER POSITIONS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of title 44,
12 United States Code, as amended by this Act, any in-
13 dividual who, as of the effective date of this Act,
14 holds any of the positions described in paragraph
15 (2)—

16 (A) shall be deemed to meet the qualifica-
17 tions for the position under such title; and

18 (B) shall be deemed to have been first ap-
19 pointed to the position starting on the effective
20 date of this Act.

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

23 (A) Superintendent of Documents.

24 (B) Inspector General of the Government
25 Publishing Office.

1 **SEC. 203. TREATMENT OF EXISTING DELEGATIONS OF AU-**
2 **THORITY FOR OFFICES TO PRODUCE OR PRO-**
3 **CURE INFORMATION DISSEMINATION PROD-**
4 **UCTS.**

5 Any office of the Federal government which, as of
6 the date of the enactment of this Act, is authorized to
7 produce or procure printing, binding, and blank-book work
8 with respect to any of the information dissemination prod-
9 ucts of the office (as defined in title 44, United States
10 Code, as amended by this Act) pursuant to a delegation
11 of authority granted to the office by the Joint Committee
12 on Printing, the Government Publishing Office, or any
13 other authority, may continue to produce or procure such
14 services with respect to such products, but only during the
15 first fiscal year which begins after the date of the enact-
16 ment of this Act and only if the office provides the Public
17 Printer of the United States with documentation of the
18 delegation of such authority not later than 6 months after
19 the date of the enactment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 204. TRANSITION FOR CURRENT EMPLOYEES OF CON-**
21 **GRESSIONAL RECORD INDEX PROGRAM.**

22 (a) OFFERING OF VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCEN-
23 TIVE PAYMENTS AND VOLUNTARY EARLY RETIRE-
24 MENT.—If, in carrying out the transition from the use of
25 a manual methodology to an electronic methodology for
26 the preparation and dissemination of the Congressional

1 Record Index under section 344 of title 44, United States
2 Code (as amended by this Act), the Public Printer deter-
3 mines that the services of an employee of the Congres-
4 sional Record Index office who is involved with the use
5 of such manual methodology are no longer required to
6 carry out section 344 of such title, the Public Printer shall
7 provide the employee with the opportunity to exercise one
8 of the following options:

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

12 (2) The option of exercising voluntary early re-
13 tirement under section 125 of such title (as amended
14 by this Act).

15 (3) The option to be reassigned to another pro-
16 gram of the Government Publishing Office, as deter-
17 mined by the Public Printer, without reduction in
18 salary, grade, or benefits.

19 (b) DEFAULT.—If an employee does not exercise one
20 of the options described in subsection (b) prior to the expi-
21 ration of the 15-day period which begins on the date the
22 Public Printer provides the employee with the opportunity
23 to exercise such options, the employee shall be deemed to
24 have exercised the option described in paragraph (3) of
25 such subsection.

1 (c) SPECIAL RULE ON SOURCE OF FUNDS.—Not-
2 withstanding any provision of title 44, United States Code,
3 to the contrary, if an employee exercises the option to re-
4 ceive a voluntary separation incentive payment under this
5 section, the funds used to make such payment shall be
6 derived from the appropriation made to the Public Printer
7 for congressional printing and binding.

8 **SEC. 205. TRANSITION FOR EXISTING DEPOSITORY LIBRAR-**
9 **IES.**

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

12 (1) each institution which, as of the effective
13 date of this Act, is designated as a depository library
14 under chapter 19 of such title (as in effect prior to
15 such date) shall be deemed to have been designated
16 as a Federal Depository Library under chapter 5 of
17 such title on the effective date of this Act;

18 (2) each institution which, as of the effective of
19 this Act, is designated as a selective 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 Selective Depository Library under
23 chapter 5 of such title on the effective date of this
24 Act; and

1 (3) each institution which, as of the effective
2 date of this Act, is serving a regional depository li-
3 brary under chapter 19 of such title (as in effect
4 prior to such date) shall be deemed to have been
5 designated as a Regional Depository Library under
6 chapter 5 of such title on the effective date of this
7 Act.

8 **SEC. 206. NO EFFECT ON EXISTING COLLECTIVE BAR-**
9 **GAINING AGREEMENTS.**

10 Nothing in this Act or in any amendment made by
11 this Act shall be construed to affect the operation or im-
12 plementation of any collective bargaining agreement in ef-
13 fect on the effective date of this Act.

14 **TITLE III—MISCELLANEOUS**
15 **PROVISIONS**

16 **SEC. 301. GAO STUDY AND REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION**
17 **OF CHANGES TO RULES GOVERNING PUBLIC**
18 **ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.**

19 (a) **STUDY.**—The Comptroller General of the United
20 States shall conduct a study on the implementation of
21 chapter 5 of title 44, as amended by this Act. Such study
22 shall include an analysis of—

23 (1) the status of the implementation of such
24 chapter;

- 1 the first fiscal year which begins after the date of the en-
- 2 actment of this Act and each succeeding fiscal year.