

Public Law 110–402
110th Congress

An Act

Oct. 13, 2008
[S. 3296]

To extend the authority of the United States Supreme Court Police to protect court officials off the Supreme Court Grounds and change the title of the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice.

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

SECTION 1. UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT POLICE AND COUNSELOR TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

(a) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT POLICE TO PROTECT COURT OFFICIALS OFF THE SUPREME COURT GROUNDS.—Section 6121(b)(2) of title 40, United States Code, is amended by striking “2008” and inserting “2013”.

(b) COUNSELOR TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE.—

(1) OFFICE OF FEDERAL JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION.—Section 133(b)(2) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking “administrative assistant” and inserting “Counselor”.

(2) JUDICIAL OFFICIAL.—Section 376(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)(E), by striking “an administrative assistant” and inserting “a Counselor”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(E), by striking “an administrative assistant” and inserting “a Counselor”.

(3) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Section 677 of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

(i) in the section heading, by striking “**Administrative Assistant**” and inserting “**Counselor**”;

(ii) in subsection (a)—

(I) in the first sentence, by striking “an Administrative Assistant” and inserting “a Counselor”; and

(II) in the second and third sentences, by striking “Administrative Assistant” each place that term appears and inserting “Counselor”; and

(iii) in subsections (b) and (c), by striking “Administrative Assistant” each place that term appears and inserting “Counselor”.

(B) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections for chapter 45 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 677 and inserting the following:

“677. Counselor to the Chief Justice.”

SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON ACCEPTANCE OF HONORARY CLUB MEMBERSHIPS. 5 USC 7353 note.

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **GIFT.**—The term “gift” has the meaning given under section 109(5) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

(2) **JUDICIAL OFFICER.**—The term “judicial officer” has the meaning given under section 109(10) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

(b) **PROHIBITION ON ACCEPTANCE OF HONORARY CLUB MEMBERSHIPS.**—A judicial officer may not accept a gift of an honorary club membership with a value of more than \$50 in any calendar year.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 3296:

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