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As publishers of the *United States Code Service*, we are pleased to offer to the legal and banking law communities this new 2006 edition of **Federal Banking Laws**. This single volume contains selected statutes from 13 titles of the United States Code Service. This compilation of selected laws is fully up to date with legislation through P.L. 109-224 of the Second Session of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress. Also included is a Table of Sections Affected to facilitate research of 2005 and 2006 legislation, as well as a comprehensive descriptive word index to the selected statutes, rules, and constitutional provisions, compiled through the use of state-of-the-art computer software.

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#### § 1. Office of Comptroller of the Currency

There shall be in the Department of the Treasury a bureau charged with the execution of all laws passed by Congress relating to the issue and regulation of national currency secured by United States bonds and, under the general supervision of the Federal Reserve Board [Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System], of all Federal Reserve notes, except for the cancellation and destruction, and accounting with respect to such cancellation and destruction, of Federal Reserve notes unfit for circulation, the chief officer of which bureau shall be called the Comptroller of the Currency and shall perform his duties under the general directions of the Secretary of the Treasury. The Comptroller of the Currency shall have the same authority over matters within the jurisdiction of the Comptroller as the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision has over matters within the Director's jurisdiction under section 3(b)(3) of the Home Owners' Loan Act [12 USCS § 1462a(b)(3)]. The Secretary of the Treasury may not delay or prevent the issuance of any rule or the promulgation of any regulation by the Comptroller of the Currency.

(R. S. § 324; Dec. 23, 1913, ch 6, § 10(8), 38 Stat. 261; June 3, 1922, ch 205, 42 Stat. 621; May 20, 1966, P. L. 89-427, § 1, 80 Stat. 161; Sept. 23, 1994, P. L. 103-325, Title III, § 331(b)(2), 108 Stat. 2232.)

## § 2. Comptroller of the Currency; appointment; term

The Comptroller of the Currency shall be ap-

pointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall hold his office for the term of five years unless sooner removed by the President, upon reason to be communicated by him to the Senate [; and he shall receive a salary at the rate of \$15,000 a year].

(R. S. § 325; Aug. 23, 1935, ch 614, Title II, § 209, 49 Stat. 707.)

§ 3. Oath of Comptroller

The Comptroller of the Currency shall, within fifteen days from the time of notice of his appointment, take and subscribe the oath of office.

(R. S. § 326; Sept. 9, 1959, P. L. 86-251, § 1(d), 73 Stat. 488; June 6, 1972, P. L. 93-210, Title II, Part 2, § 223(a), 86 Stat. 206.)

§ 4. Deputy Comptrollers

The Secretary of the Treasury shall appoint no more than four Deputy Comptrollers of the Currency, one of whom shall be designated First Deputy Comptroller of the Currency, and shall fix their salaries. Each Deputy Comptroller shall take the oath of office and shall perform such duties as the Comptroller shall direct. During a vacancy in the office or during the absence or disability of the Comptroller, each Deputy Comptroller shall possess the power and perform the duties attached by law to the office of the Comptroller under such order of succession following the First Deputy Comptroller as the Comptroller shall direct.

(R. S. § 327; Sept. 9, 1959, P. L. 86-251, § 1(a), 73 Stat. 487; June 6, 1972, P. L. 92-310, Title II, Part 2, § 223(b), 86 Stat. 206.)

## § 4a. Delegation of authority by Comptroller

The Comptroller of the Currency may delegate to any duly authorized employee, representative, or agent any power vested in the office by law.

(R. S. § 327A, as added March 31, 1980, P.L. 96-221, Title VII, Part A, § 707(a), 94 Stat. 188.)

§ 7. Chief of examining division

The Comptroller of the Currency may designate a national bank examiner to act as chief of the examining division in his office.

(Jan. 3, 1923, ch 22, 42 Stat. 1096.)

#### § 8. Clerks

The Comptroller of the Currency shall employ, from time to time, the necessary clerks, to be appointed and classified by the Secretary of the Treasury, to discharge such duties as the comptroller shall direct.

(R. S. § 328.)

## § 9. Additional examiners, clerks, and other employees

The Comptroller of the Currency is hereby autho-

rized to employ such additional examiners, clerks, and other employees as he deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this title and to assign to duty in the office of his bureau in Washington such examiners and assistant examiners as he shall deem necessary to assist in the performance of the work of that bureau.

(March 4, 1923, ch 252, Title II, § 209(b), 42 Stat. 1467.)

# § 10. Salaries of Deputy Comptrollers, examiners, and other employees as part of bank examination expenses

The salaries of the Deputy Comptrollers and of all national bank examiners and assistant examiners assigned to duty in the office of the bureau in Washington in connection with the supervision of national banks shall be considered part of the expenses of the examinations provided for by section 5240 of the Revised Statutes, as amended [12 USCS §§ 481 et seq.].

(March 4, 1923, ch 252, Title II, § 209(b), 42 Stat. 1467; Sept. 9, 1959, P. L. 86-251, § 1(c)(2), 73 Stat. 488.)

#### § 11. Interest in national banks

It shall not be lawful for the Comptroller or the Deputy Comptroller of the Currency, either directly or indirectly, to hold an interest in any national bank.

(R.S. § 329; Dec. 27, 2000, P. L. 106-569, Title XII, Subtitle D, § 1233(b), 114 Stat. 3037.)

#### § 12. Seal of Comptroller

The seal devised by the Comptroller of the Currency for his office, and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall continue to be the seal of office of the comptroller, and may be renewed when necessary. A description of the seal, with an impression thereof, and a certificate of approval by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

(R. S. § 330; Feb. 18, 1875, ch 80, § 1, 18 Stat. 317.)

#### § 13. Rooms for Currency Bureau

There shall be assigned, from time to time, to the Comptroller of the Currency, by the Secretary of the Treasury, suitable rooms in the Treasury Building for conducting the business of the Currency Bureau, containing safe and secure fireproof vaults, in which the comptroller shall deposit and safely keep all the plates not necessarily in the possession of engravers or printers, and other valuable things belonging to his department; and the comptroller shall from time to time furnish the necessary furniture, stationery, fuel, lights, and other proper conveniences for the transaction of the business of his office.

(R. S. § 331.)

#### § 14. Report of Comptroller

The Comptroller of the Currency shall make an annual report to Congress. The report required under this section shall include the report required under section 18(f)(7) of the Federal Trade Commission Act [15 USCS § 57a(f)(7)].

(R. S. 333; Feb. 18, 1875, ch 80, § 1, 18 Stat. 317; Aug. 7, 1946, ch 770, § 1(39), 60 Stat. 869; Dec. 27, 2000, P. L. 106-569, Title XI, § 1103(c), 114 Stat. 3031.)

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