

“(10) problems that commercial banks have in obtaining capital for lending in rural areas, how access to Farm Credit System funds would improve the availability of capital in rural areas in ways that cannot be achieved in the system in existence on the date of enactment of this Act [Apr. 4, 1996], and the possible effects on the viability of the Farm Credit System of granting banks access to Farm Credit System funds.

“(d) INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.—In completing the study, the Secretary shall use, among other things, data and information obtained by the interagency task force on rural credit.”

GAO STUDY OF RURAL CREDIT COST AND AVAILABILITY

Pub. L. 101-624, title XVIII, §1842, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3835, directed Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study relating to cost and availability of credit in rural America and, not later than 2 years after Nov. 28, 1990, submit a report to Committee on Agriculture of House of Representatives and Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of Senate.

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR NATIONAL COMMISSION ON AGRICULTURAL FINANCE AND NATIONAL COMMISSION ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Pub. L. 100-71, title V, §519(b), July 11, 1987, 101 Stat. 475, authorized and appropriated (1) for National Commission on Agricultural Finance established under section 501 of Pub. L. 99-205, \$100,000, to remain available until expended, and (2) for National Commission on Agriculture and Rural Development [Policy] established under section 5002 of this title, \$100,000, to remain available until expended.

LOAN REVIEW BY LOCAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS

Pub. L. 99-205, title III, §307, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1709, required each local lending institution of Farm Credit System established under this chapter to (1) review each loan that had been placed in non-accrual status by such institution to determine whether such loan could be restructured based on changes in circumstances of such institution as the result of this Act and the amendments made by this Act, and (2) notify in writing borrower of each such loan of provisions of this section.

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON AGRICULTURAL FINANCE

Pub. L. 99-205, title V, §501, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1710, directed President to appoint a National Commission on Agricultural Finance, comprised of 15 members, representing the financial community, the agricultural sector, and government, to conduct a study of methods to ensure availability of adequate credit to agricultural producers and agribusiness, taking into account long-term financing needs of agricultural economy, roles of commercial banks, Farm Credit System, and Farmers Home Administration in meeting those financial needs, with the Commission, in conducting such study, to (1) evaluate financial circumstances relative to both lenders and borrowers of farm credit, (2) evaluate structure, performance, and conduct of private lenders—commercial bankers and Farm Credit System—and public lenders, (3) explore need for long-term assistance in stabilizing value of agricultural assets, and (4) evaluate effect on suppliers, producers, processors, and local communities when financial institutions fail, and not later than Dec. 23, 1986, to submit to Congress a report containing results of study, together with comments and recommendations for legislation providing for a sound, reasonable, and primarily self-supporting credit program for farmers and ranchers as Commission considers appropriate.

§ 2002. Farm Credit System

(a) Composition

The Farm Credit System shall include the the¹ Farm Credit Banks, the Federal land bank associations, the production credit associations, the banks for cooperatives, and such other institutions as may be made a part of the System, all of which shall be chartered by and subject to regulation by the Farm Credit Administration.

(b) Farm credit districts

There shall be not more than twelve farm credit districts in the United States, which may be designated by number, one of which districts shall include the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and one of which districts may, if authorized by the Farm Credit Administration, include the Virgin Islands of the United States: *Provided*, That the extension of credit and other services authorized by this chapter in the Virgin Islands of the United States shall be undertaken only if determined to be feasible under regulations of the Farm Credit Administration. The boundaries of the twelve farm credit districts existing on December 10, 1971, may be readjusted from time to time by the Farm Credit Administration, with the concurrence of the boards of the banks in each district involved. Two or more districts may be merged as provided in section 2252(a)(2) of this title.

(Pub. L. 92-181, §1.2, formerly §§1.2, 5.0, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 583, 614; Pub. L. 96-592, title V, §501, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3448; Pub. L. 99-205, title II, §205(c), (g)(1), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1703, 1706; Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §434, title VIII, §805(a), (v), Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1662, 1715, 1716; Pub. L. 100-399, title IX, §901(q)-(s), Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 1008.)

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 100-399, §901(r), transferred section 5.0 of Pub. L. 92-181, which was classified to section 2221 of this title, to subsec. (b) of this section.

AMENDMENTS

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-399, §901(s), designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, and substituted “regulation” for “the regulation”.

Pub. L. 100-233, §434, amended provisions generally. Prior to amendment, provisions read as follows: “The Farm Credit System shall include the Federal land banks, the Federal land bank associations, the Federal intermediate credit banks, the production credit associations, the banks for cooperatives, and such other institutions as may be made a part of the System, all of which shall be chartered by and subject to regulation by the Farm Credit Administration.”

Pub. L. 100-233, §805(a), substituted “subject to regulation” for “subject to the regulation”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-399, §901(q), (r), designated section 2221 of this title as subsec. (b), inserted heading, and substituted “boards of the banks in each district” for “district boards”.

Pub. L. 100-233, §805(v), substituted “section 2252(a)(2) of this title” for “section 2252(2) of this title”.

1985—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-205, §205(c), substituted “regulation by” for “supervision of”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-205, §205(g)(1), substituted “Farm Credit Administration” for “Federal Farm Credit Board” in first and second sentences, and made a technical amendment to reference to section 2252(2)

¹ So in original.

of this title to reflect the renumbering of the corresponding section of the original act.

1980—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-592 inserted provisions relating to Virgin Islands of the United States.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENTS

Section 1001 of Pub. L. 100-399 provided that:

“(a) GENERAL RULE.—Except as provided in subsection (b), the amendments made by this Act [see Tables for classification] shall take effect as if enacted immediately after the enactment of the 1987 Act [Pub. L. 100-233, which was enacted Jan. 6, 1988].

“(b) EXCEPTIONS.—The amendments made by sections 102(b), 102(f), 102(g), 102(h), 201(q), 302(c), 302(d), 302(e), 401, 402(b), 409(d), 411, 414, and 901 (other than by subsections (a), (b), (c), (e), (f), and (g) thereof) of this Act [see Tables for classification] shall take effect immediately after the amendment made by section 401 of the 1987 Act takes effect [section 401 of Pub. L. 100-233, effective 6 months after Jan. 6, 1988].”

Section 434 of Pub. L. 100-233 provided in part that the amendment of this section by section 434 of Pub. L. 100-233 is effective 6 months after Jan. 6, 1988.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-205 effective thirty days after Dec. 23, 1985, see section 401 of Pub. L. 99-205, set out as a note under section 2001 of this title.

CONSOLIDATION OF DISTRICT FARM CREDIT BANKS

Section 412 of Pub. L. 100-233, as amended by Pub. L. 100-399, title IV, §404, Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 999, provided that:

“(a) SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL.—

“(1) SPECIAL COMMITTEE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this section [Jan. 6, 1988], a special committee shall be selected pursuant to regulations of the Farm Credit Administration for the purpose of developing a proposal for the consolidation of Farm Credit System districts.

“(B) COMPOSITION.—The special committee selected under subparagraph (A) shall be composed of one representative from each Farm Credit Bank board and the members of the Board of Directors of the Assistance Board.

“(2) DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSAL.—Not later than 6 months after the formation of the special committee, the committee shall develop a proposal to consolidate the Farm Credit Banks into no less than six financially viable Farm Credit Banks through inter-district mergers.

“(3) REPORT.—Not later than the end of each calendar quarter beginning at least 6 months after the selection of the special committee, such committee shall prepare and submit, to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate, a report on the progress of the committee in developing a proposal under this subsection.

“(b) PREREQUISITES TO CONSOLIDATION.—

“(1) FCA REVIEW OF PROPOSAL.—Prior to the submission of the proposal developed under subsection (a)(2) to the stockholders under paragraph (3), the proposal together with all information to be presented to the stockholders, shall be submitted to the Farm Credit Administration for approval.

“(2) PREREQUISITES.—The proposal developed under subsection (a)(2) shall not be submitted to stockholders under paragraph (3) unless the proposal is approved by—

“(A) a majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the Assistance Board; and

“(B) the members of the special committee that represent the districts affected by the terms of the proposal.

“(3) SUBMISSION TO STOCKHOLDERS.—Not later than the end of the 18-month period after the date of enactment of this Act [Jan. 6, 1988], each Farm Credit

Bank involved, in consultation with the special committee, shall submit the proposed merger affecting such bank to the voting stockholders of each such bank.

“(4) STOCKHOLDER VOTE.—Each association shall be entitled to cast a number of votes equal to the number of voting stockholders of such association.”

[For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of reporting provisions in section 412(a)(3) of Pub. L. 100-233, set out above, see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and page 166 of House Document No. 103-7.]

APPLICABILITY OF LAWS ENACTED AFTER JANUARY 1, 1960

Pub. L. 86-168, title II, §203(b), Aug. 18, 1959, 73 Stat. 390, provided that: “Any Act of Congress enacted after the effective date of this title [Jan. 1, 1960] and which states that it shall be applicable to agencies or instrumentalities of the United States or to corporations controlled or owned, in whole or in part, by the United States, or to officers and employees of the United States or such agencies or instrumentalities or corporations, shall not be applicable to a Federal land bank, Federal intermediate credit bank, or bank for co-operatives, or to its directors, officers, or employees unless such Act specifically so provides by naming such banks.”

SUBCHAPTER I—FARM CREDIT BANKS

CODIFICATION

Title I of the Farm Credit Act of 1971, comprising this subchapter, was originally enacted by Pub. L. 92-181, title I, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 583, and amended by Pub. L. 96-592, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3437; Pub. L. 99-205, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1678; Pub. L. 99-509, Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1874; Pub. L. 100-233, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1568. Such title is shown herein, however, as having been added by Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §401, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1622, without reference to such intervening amendments because of the extensive revision of the title's provisions by Pub. L. 100-233.

§ 2011. Establishment, charters, titles, branches

(a) Establishment

The banks established pursuant to the merger of each District Federal Intermediate Credit Bank and Federal Land Bank (hereinafter referred to in this subchapter as “Farm Credit Banks”), as provided in section 410 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987, shall be Federally chartered instrumentalities of the United States.

(b) Charters

The Farm Credit Administration shall, consistent with this chapter, issue charters for, and approve amendments to charters of, the Farm Credit Banks.

(c) Title

Each Farm Credit Bank may include in its title the name of the city in which it is located or other geographical designation.

(d) Branches

Each Farm Credit Bank may establish such branches or other offices as may be appropriate for the effective operation of its business.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title I, §1.3, as added Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §401, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1622; amended Pub. L. 100-399, title IV, §401(a), (b), Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 995.)