States of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California who are nominated by the chief executive officer of the respective States and appointed by the President from among individuals who have demonstrated ties to community-based organizations and have demonstrated interest and expertise in health issues of the United States-Mexico Border Area.

## (b) Commissioner

The Commissioner of the United States section of the Commission should be the Secretary of Health and Human Services or such individual's delegate to the Commission. The Commissioner should be the leader of the section.

## (c) Compensation

Members of the United States section of the Commission who are not employees of the United States or any State—

(1) shall each receive compensation at a rate of not to exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay payable for positions at GS-15 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5 for each day such member is engaged in the actual performance of the duties of the Commission; and

(2) shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence at rates authorized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services of the Commission.

(Pub. L. 103-400, §5, Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4170.)

## §290n–4. Regional offices

The Commission may designate or establish one border health office in each of the States of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. Such office should be located within the United States-Mexico Border Area, and should be coordinated with—

(1) State border health offices; and

(2) local nonprofit organizations designated by the State's chief executive officer and directly involved in border health issues.

If feasible to avoid duplicative efforts, the Commission offices should be located in existing State or local nonprofit offices. The Commission should provide adequate compensation for cooperative efforts and resources.

(Pub. L. 103-400, §6, Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4170.)

## §290n-5. Reports

Not later than February 1 of each year that occurs more than 1 year after the date of the establishment of the Commission, the Commission should submit an annual report to both the United States Government and the Government of Mexico regarding all activities of the Commission during the preceding calendar year.

(Pub. L. 103–400,  $7, \ {\rm Oct.} \ 22, \ 1994, \ 108 \ {\rm Stat.} \ 4171.)$ 

## §290n-6. Definitions

As used in this subchapter:

## (1) Commission

The term "Commission" means the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission.

## (2) Health problem

The term "health problem" means a disease or medical ailment or an environmental condition that poses the risk of disease or medical ailment. The term includes diseases, ailments, or risks of disease or ailment caused by or related to environmental factors, control of animals and rabies, control of insect and rodent vectors, disposal of solid and hazardous waste, and control and monitoring of air quality.

## (3) Secretary

The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

#### (4) United States-Mexico Border Area

The term "United States-Mexico Border Area" means the area located in the United States and Mexico within 100 kilometers of the border between the United States and Mexico.

(Pub. L. 103-400, §8, Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4171.)

SUBCHAPTER XXX—MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENT BANK

#### §2900. Acceptance of membership

The President is hereby authorized to accept membership for the United States in the Bank for Economic Cooperation and Development in the Middle East and North Africa (in this subchapter referred to as the "Bank") provided for by the agreement establishing the Bank (in this subchapter referred to as the "Agreement"), signed on May 31, 1996.

(Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(c) [title VII, §702], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-121, 3009-179.)

#### References in Text

This subchapter, referred to in text, was in the original "this title", meaning title I, \$101(c) [title VII], of div. A of Pub. L. 104-208, Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-121, 3009-179, which is classified principally to this subchapter. For complete classification of title I, \$101(c) [title VII], to the Code, see Short Title note below and Tables.

#### SHORT TITLE

Section 101(c) [title VII, §701] of div. A of Pub. L. 104-208 provided that: "This title [enacting this subchapter and amending sections 262r and 276c-2 of this title and section 24 of Title 12, Banks and Banking] may be cited as the 'Bank for Economic Cooperation and Development in the Middle East and North Africa Act'."

#### §290o-1. Governor and alternate Governor

#### (a) Appointment

At the inaugural meeting of the Board of Governors of the Bank, the Governor and the alternate for the Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, appointed pursuant to section 286a of this title, shall serve ex-officio as a Governor and the alternate for the Governor, respectively, of the Bank. The President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a Governor of the Bank and an alternate for the Governor.

#### (b) Compensation

Any person who serves as a governor of the Bank or as an alternate for the Governor may not receive any salary or other compensation from the United States by reason of such service.

(Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(c) [title VII, §703], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-121, 3009-179.)

#### § 2900–2. Applicability of certain provisions of Bretton Woods Agreements Act

Section 286b of this title shall apply to the Bank in the same manner in which such section applies to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Monetary Fund.

(Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(c) [title VII, §704], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-121, 3009-179.)

## References in Text

The Bretton Woods Agreements Act, referred to in section catchline, is act July 31, 1945, ch. 339, 59 Stat. 512, as amended, which is classified principally to subchapter XV (§286 et seq.) of this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 286 of this title and Tables.

#### §290o-3. Federal Reserve Banks as depositories

Any Federal Reserve Bank which is requested to do so by the Bank may act as its depository, or as its fiscal agent, and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System shall exercise general supervision over the carrying out of these functions.

(Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(c) [title VII, §705], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-121, 3009-179.)

#### §290o-4. Subscription of stock

#### (a) Subscription authority

#### (1) In general

The Secretary of the Treasury may subscribe on behalf of the United States to not more than 7,011,270 shares of the capital stock of the Bank.

#### (2) Effectiveness of subscription commitment

Any commitment to make such subscription shall be effective only to such extent or in such amounts as are provided for in advance by appropriations Acts.

#### (b) Limitations on authorization of appropriations

For payment by the Secretary of the Treasury of the subscription of the United States for shares described in subsection (a) of this section, there are authorized to be appropriated \$1,050,007,800 without fiscal year limitation.

# (c) Limitations on obligation of appropriated amounts for shares of capital stock

## (1) Paid-in capital stock

#### (A) In general

Not more than \$105,000,000 of the amounts appropriated pursuant to subsection (b) of this section may be obligated for subscription to shares of paid-in capital stock.

## (B) Fiscal year 1997

Not more than \$52,500,000 of the amounts appropriated pursuant to subsection (b) of this section for fiscal year 1997 may be obligated for subscription to shares of paid-in capital stock.

#### (2) Callable capital stock

Not more than \$787,505,852 of the amounts appropriated pursuant to subsection (b) of this section may be obligated for subscription to shares of callable capital stock.

## (d) Disposition of net income distributions by Bank

Any payment made to the United States by the Bank as a distribution of net income shall be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

(Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(c) [title VII, §706], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-121, 3009-179.)

# § 290o-5. Jurisdiction and venue of civil actions by or against Bank

#### (a) Jurisdiction

The United States district courts shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction of any civil action brought in the United States by or against the Bank.

#### (b) Venue

For purposes of section 1391(b) of title 28, the Bank shall be deemed to be a resident of the judicial district in which the principal office of the Bank in the United States, or its agent appointed for the purpose of accepting service or notice of service, is located.

(Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(c) [title VII, §707], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-121, 3009-180.)

## §2900-6. Effectiveness of Agreement

The Agreement shall have full force and effect in the United States, its territories and possessions, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, upon acceptance of membership by the United States in the Bank and the entry into force of the Agreement.

(Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(c) [title VII, §708], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-121, 3009-180.)

#### §2900–7. Exemption from securities laws for certain securities issued by Bank; reports required

## (a) Exemption from securities laws; reports to Securities and Exchange Commission

Any securities issued by the Bank (including any guaranty by the Bank, whether or not limited in scope) in connection with borrowing of funds, or the guarantee of securities as to both principal and interest, shall be deemed to be exempted securities within the meaning of section 77c(a)(2) of title 15 and section 78c(a)(12) of title 15. The Bank shall file with the Securities and Exchange Commission such annual and other reports with regard to such securities as the Commission shall determine to be appropriate in view of the special character of the Bank and its operations and necessary in the public interest or for the protection of investors.

#### (b) Authority of Securities and Exchange Commission to suspend exemption; reports to Congress

The Securities and Exchange Commission, acting in consultation with such agency or officer as the President shall designate, may suspend