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§ 2701. Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress

(a) There is established the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress (hereafter in this chapter referred to as the Committee).

(b) The Committee shall be subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), except that the Committee shall be of permanent duration, notwithstanding any provision of section 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

(Added Pub. L. 101-509, title IV, §1(d)(1), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1417.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, referred to in subsec. (b), is Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, as amended, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

CODIFICATION

Another section 1 of title IV of Pub. L. 101-509, 104 Stat. 1421, amended section 8902 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2701, Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1295, established Federal Records Council and set forth composition, compensation, etc., of such Council, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 95-378, §2(a), Sept. 22, 1978, 92 Stat. 723. Section 1 of Pub. L. 95-378 abolished the Federal Records Council.

§ 2702. Membership; chairman; meetings

(a)(1) The Committee shall consist of the eleven members including—

- (A)(i) the Secretary of the Senate;
- (ii) the Clerk of the House of Representatives;
- (iii) the Archivist of the United States;
- (iv) the Historian of the Senate; and
- (v) the Historian of the House of Representatives; and
- (B) six members of whom one shall be appointed by each of the following:
 - (i) the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
 - (ii) the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;
 - (iii) the Majority Leader of the Senate;
 - (iv) the Minority Leader of the Senate;
 - (v) the Secretary of the Senate; and
 - (vi) the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(2) Each member appointed under paragraph (1)(B) shall have knowledge or expertise in United States history, archival management, publishing, library science, or use of legislative records.

(b) The Secretary of the Senate shall serve as Chairman during the two-year period beginning on January 1, 1991, and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall serve as Chairman during the two-year period beginning on January 1, 1993. Thereafter, such members shall alternate serving as Chairman for a term of two years.

(c)(1) Members of the Committee referred to in subsection (a)(1)(A) shall serve only while holding such offices. Members appointed to the Committee under subsection (a)(1)(B) shall serve for a term of two years, and may be reappointed without limitation. The initial appointments for such terms shall begin on January 1, 1991.

(2) Any vacancy on the Committee shall not affect the powers of the Committee. Any vacancy in an appointed position on the Committee shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

(d)(1) No later than thirty days after the date on which the first session of the 102d Congress begins, the Committee shall hold its first meeting. Thereafter, the Committee shall meet semi-annually or at the call of a majority of its members.

(2) Seven members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may hold hearings.

(Added Pub. L. 101-509, title IV, §1(d)(1), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1417.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date on which the first session of the 102d Congress begins, referred to in subsec. (d)(1), is Jan. 3, 1991.

§ 2703. Functions of the Committee

The Committee shall—

(1) review the management and preservation of the records of Congress;

(2) report to and advise the Congress and the Archivist of the United States on such management and preservation; and

(3)(A) no later than December 31, 1991, conduct a study and submit a report to the Congress on—

(i) the effect any transfer of records of the National Archives and Records Administration from facilities located in Washington, D.C., to any location outside of Washington, D.C., shall have on the management and preservation of the records of Congress; and

(ii) the five year plan for the management and preservation of the records of Congress; and

(B) no later than December 31, 1995, conduct a study to update the report submitted under subparagraph (A)(ii), and submit a report to the Congress.

(Added Pub. L. 101-509, title IV, §1(d)(1), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1418.)

§ 2704. Powers of the Committee

(a) For purposes of carrying out the duties referred to under section 2703, the Committee or, on the authorization of the Committee, any subcommittee or member thereof, may hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such testimony, and receive such evidence as is appropriate.

(b) The Committee may secure directly from any department or agency of the United States such information as the Committee may require to carry out the duties referred to under section 2703. Upon request of the Chairman of the Committee, the head of such department or agency shall furnish such information to the Committee.