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2002—Pub. L. 107–296, title XIII, $\S1312(b)$, 1321(a)(1)(C), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2291, 2296, added item 3319 and struck out item 3393a "Recertification". 1998—Pub. L. 105–339, §3(b), Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3184,

added items 3330a to 3330c.

Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title I, §151(c)(1), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681–616, substituted "DETAILS, VACANCIES, AND APPOINTMENTS" for "DETAILS" in heading for subchapter III. "Acting officer" for "Details: to office of head of Executive agency or military department" in item 3345, "Time limitation" for "Details; to subordinate offices" in item 3346, "Exclusivity" for "Details; Presidential authority" in item 3347, "Vacant office" for "Details; limited in time" in item 3348, and "Reporting of vacancies" for "Details; to fill vacancies; restrictions" in item 3349 and added items 3349a to 3349d.

1996—Pub. L. 104–197, title III, §315(b)(1), Sept. 16, 1996, 110 Stat. 2416, substituted "Competitive service; recommendations of Senators or Representatives" for "Political recommendations" in item 3303.

Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title X, §1037(b)(2), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 432, which directed substitution of "3330. Government-wide list of vacant positions" for the item relating to section 3329, as added by section 4431(b) of Pub. L. 102-484, could not be executed because of the intervening amendment by Pub. L. 104-52, §4(2). See 1995 Amendment note below.

1995—Pub. L. 104-52, title IV, §4(2), Nov. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 490, redesignated item 3329 "Government-wide list of vacant positions" as item 3330.

1993—Pub. L. 103—94, §8(b), Oct. 6, 1993, 107 Stat. 1007, substituted "Political recommendations" for "Competitive service; recommendations of Senators or Representatives" in item 3303.

1992—Pub. L. 102–484, div. A, title V, $\S544(b)$, div. D, title XLIV, §4431(b), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2415, 2720, added two items 3329.

Pub. L. 102-378, §2(13)(B), Oct. 2, 1992, 106 Stat. 1347, struck out item 3342 "Federal participants in executive exchange programs"

1990—Pub. L. 101–509, title V, §529 [title I, §101(b)(9)(C)(iii)], Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1427, 1441, substituted "Appointments to positions classified above GS-15" for "Appointments at GS-16, 17, and 18" in item 3324

Pub. L. 101-416, §2(a)(2), Oct. 12, 1990, 104 Stat. 903, added item 3342.

1989—Pub. L. 101-194, title V, §506(a)(2), Nov. 30, 1989, 103 Stat. 1758, added item 3393a.

Pub. L. 101–12, $\S5(b),\ Apr.\ 10,\ 1989,\ 103$ Stat. 33, added item 3352

1988—Pub. L. 100–398, $\S7(a)(3)$, Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 988, inserted "agency" after "Executive" in item 3345. 1985—Pub. L. 99–145, title XVI, §1622(a)(2), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 777, added item 3328.

1979-Pub. L. 96-54, §2(a)(13), Aug. 14, 1979, 93 Stat. 382, struck out item 3315a "Registers; individuals receiving compensation for work injuries"

1978—Pub. L. 95-454, title III, §§ 303(b), 307(h)(2), 309(b), title IV, §403(b), title IX, §906(c)(4), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1146, 1149, 1152, 1165, 1227, substituted "probationary period" for "probation; period of" in item 3321, struck out item 3319 "Competitive service; selection; members of family restriction", added items 3327 and 3391 to 3397, and struck out items 3391 to 3398.

Pub. L. 95-437, §3(b), Oct. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 1058, added heading for subchapter VII and items 3391 to 3398.

Pub. L. 95-256, §5(b)(2), Apr. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 191, struck out item 3322 "Competitive service; temporary appointments after age 70"

Pub. L. 95-251, §2(c)(3), Mar. 27, 1978, 92 Stat. 184, substituted "administrative law judges" for "hearing examiners" in item 3344.

Pub. L. 95–228, §2(a), Feb. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 25, struck out item 3306 "Competitive service; departmental service; apportionment'

1975—Pub. L. 94-183, §2(7), Dec. 31, 1975, 89 Stat. 1057, struck out item 3364 "Promotion; substitute employees in the postal field service"

1972—Pub. L. 92-297, §§ 2(b), 3(b), May 16, 1972, 86 Stat. 142, 144, substituted "maximum age entrance requirements, exceptions" for "maximum age requirement; restriction on use of appropriated funds" in item 3307, and added subchapter VII and items 3381 to 3385.

1971—Pub. L. 91-648, title IV, §402(b), Jan. 5, 1971, 84 Stat. 1925, added heading for subchapter VI and items 3371 to 3376.

1970—Pub. L. 91-375, §6(c)(7)(B), Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 776, struck out item 3327 "Postmasters; standards for determination of qualifications"

1967—Pub. L. 90-105, §1(b), Oct. 11, 1967, 81 Stat. 273, added item 3304a.

Pub. L. 90-83, §1(9)(B), Sept. 11, 1967, 81 Stat. 197, added item 3315a.

1966—Pub. L. 89–762, §1(b), Nov. 5, 1966, 80 Stat. 1312, struck out item 3342 "Details; field to departmental service prohibited".

SUBCHAPTER I-EXAMINATION, CERTIFICATION, AND APPOINTMENT

§ 3301. Civil service; generally

The President may-

- (1) prescribe such regulations for the admission of individuals into the civil service in the executive branch as will best promote the efficiency of that service;
- (2) ascertain the fitness of applicants as to age, health, character, knowledge, and ability for the employment sought; and
- (3) appoint and prescribe the duties of individuals to make inquiries for the purpose of this section.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 417.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Derivation	U.S. Code	Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large	
	5 U.S.C. 631 (less last 16 words).	R.S. §1753 (less last last words).	16

The words "civil service in the executive branch" are substituted for "civil service of the United States" to confirm the grant of authority in view of the definition of "civil service" in section 2101. The word "will" is substituted for "may". The words "for the employment sought" are substituted for "for the branch of service