

Subsec. (e)(3)(H)(vii). Pub. L. 106-78, §816(b)(1)(E), added cl. (vii).

Subsec. (e)(6)(D). Pub. L. 106-78, §816(b)(2), struck out heading and text of subpar. (D). Text read as follows: “No additional Federal funds shall be used to carry out this section beginning on the earlier of—

“(i) the date that is 10 years after April 4, 1996; or

“(ii) the day after a total of \$50,000,000 has been made available under subparagraphs (B) and (C) to carry out this section.”

Subsec. (f)(2)(B). Pub. L. 106-78, §816(c)(1), added subpar. (B) and struck out former subpar. (B) which read as follows: “review any grant, loan, contract, or cooperative agreement to be made or entered into by the Center and any financial assistance provided to the Center;”.

Subsec. (f)(5)(C). Pub. L. 106-78, §816(c)(2), added subpar. (C) and struck out heading and text of former subpar. (C). Text read as follows: “A voting member may be reelected for not more than 1 additional term.”

Subsec. (f)(6)(B). Pub. L. 106-78, §816(c)(3), added subpar. (B) and struck out heading and text of former subpar. (B). Text read as follows: “A member elected to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term may be reelected for 1 full term.”

Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 106-78, §816(d), added subsec. (j).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

Pub. L. 110-234, title XI, §11009(b)(2), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1359, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title XI, §11009(b)(2), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2121, provided that: “The amendment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] takes effect on May 1, 2007.”

[Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 enacted identical provisions. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 8701 of this title.]

§ 2008k. Making and servicing of loans by personnel of State, county, or area committees

The Secretary shall use personnel of a State, county or area committee established under section 590h(b)(5) of title 16 to make and service loans under this chapter to the extent the personnel have been trained to do so.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §376, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title V, §5320, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 349.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of “this chapter”, referred to in text, see note set out under section 1921 of this title.

§ 2008l. Eligibility of employees of State, county, or area committee for loans and loan guarantees

(a) In general

The Secretary shall not prohibit an employee of a State, county or area committee established under section 590h(b)(5) of title 16 or an employee of the Department of Agriculture from obtaining a loan or loan guarantee under subchapter I, II or III of this chapter.

(b) Approvals

(1) County or area office

In the case of a loan application from an employee in a county or area office, the Farm Service Agency State office shall be respon-

sible for reviewing and approving the application.

(2) State office

In the case of a loan application from an employee of a State office, the Farm Service Agency national office shall be responsible for reviewing and approving the application.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §377, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title V, §5321, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 349.)

§ 2008m. National Rural Development Partnership

(a) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Agency with rural responsibilities

The term “agency with rural responsibilities” means any executive agency (as defined in section 105 of title 5) that implements a Federal law, or administers a program, targeted at or having a significant impact on rural areas.

(2) Coordinating Committee

The term “Coordinating Committee” means the National Rural Development Coordinating Committee established by subsection (c) of this section.

(3) Partnership

The term “Partnership” means the National Rural Development Partnership continued by subsection (b) of this section.

(4) State rural development council

The term “State rural development council” means a State rural development council that meets the requirements of subsection (d) of this section.

(b) Partnership

(1) In general

The Secretary shall continue the National Rural Development Partnership composed of—

- (A) the Coordinating Committee; and
- (B) State rural development councils.

(2) Purposes

The purposes of the Partnership are to empower and build the capacity of States and rural communities to design flexible and innovative responses to their own special rural development needs, with local determinations of progress and selection of projects and activities.

(3) Governing panel

(A) In general

A panel consisting of representatives of the Coordinating Committee and State rural development councils shall be established to lead and coordinate the strategic operation, policies, and practices of the Partnership.

(B) Annual reports

In conjunction with the Coordinating Committee and State rural development councils, the panel shall prepare and submit to Congress an annual report on the activities of the Partnership.

(4) Role of Federal Government

The role of the Federal Government in the Partnership may be that of a partner and facilitator, with Federal agencies authorized—