

Pub. L. 96-199, title I, § 109, Mar. 5, 1980, 94 Stat. 69.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, referred to in subsec. (b), is Pub. L. 88-578, Sept. 3, 1964, 78 Stat. 897, as amended, which is classified generally to part B (§ 4607-4 et seq.) of subchapter LXIX of chapter 1 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4607-4 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1980—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-199 substituted “\$2,500,000” for “\$425,000”.

1970—Pub. L. 91-483 substituted provisions authorizing the Secretary to provide technical assistance and financial grants in addition to those under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, not exceeding 25 percent of the actual cost of each development project and up to a maximum of \$425,000 and to share equally the annual costs of management, protection, maintenance and rehabilitation of the reserve for provisions for part recovery of the funds granted in case of conversion, and use or disposal contrary to the purposes of the establishment of the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve, and reenacted provisions for the termination of the grants.

§ 469i. Repealed. Pub. L. 91-483, § 1(4), Oct. 21, 1970, 84 Stat. 1083

Section, Pub. L. 88-655, § 6, Oct. 13, 1964, 78 Stat. 1088, authorized appropriations of up to \$800,000 for carrying out provisions of sections 469d to 469i of this title.

§ 469j. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad

(a) Purpose

Because the fabric of a society is strengthened by visible reminders of the historical roots of the society, it is in the national interest of the United States to encourage the preservation and protection of the cemeteries, monuments, and historic buildings associated with the foreign heritage of United States citizens.

(b) Establishment

There is established a commission to be known as the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad (hereafter in this section referred to as the “Commission”).

(c) Duties

The Commission shall—

(1) identify and publish a list of those cemeteries, monuments, and historic buildings located abroad which are associated with the foreign heritage of United States citizens from eastern and central Europe, particularly those cemeteries, monuments, and buildings which are in danger of deterioration or destruction;

(2) encourage the preservation and protection of such cemeteries, monuments, and historic buildings by obtaining, in cooperation with the Department of State, assurances from foreign governments that the cemeteries, monuments, and buildings will be preserved and protected; and

(3) prepare and disseminate reports on the condition of and the progress toward preserving and protecting such cemeteries, monuments, and historic buildings.

(d) Membership

(1) The Commission shall consist of 21 members appointed by the President, 7 of whom shall

be appointed after consultation with the Speaker of the House of Representatives and 7 of whom shall be appointed after consultation with the President pro tempore of the Senate.

(2)(A) Except as provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C), members of the Commission shall be appointed for terms of 3 years.

(B) Of the members first appointed after consultation with the Speaker of the House of Representatives, 5 shall be appointed for a term of 2 years. Of the members first appointed after consultation with the President pro tempore of the Senate, 5 shall be appointed for 2 years.

(C) A member appointed to fill a vacancy on the Commission shall serve for the remainder of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed.

(D) A member may retain membership on the Commission until the member's successor has been appointed.

(3) The President shall designate the Chairman of the Commission from among its members.

(e) Meetings

The Commission shall meet at least once every six months.

(f) Compensation and per diem

(1) Members of the Commission shall receive no pay on account of their service on the Commission.

(2) While away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Commission, members of the Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the Government service are allowed expenses under section 5703 of title 5.

(g) Authorities

(1) The Commission or any member it authorizes may, for the purposes of carrying out this section, hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, request such attendance, take such testimony, and receive such evidence, as the Commission considers appropriate.

(2) The Commission may appoint such personnel (subject to the provisions of title 5 which govern appointments in the competitive service) and may fix the pay of such personnel (subject to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title, relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates) as the Commission deems desirable.

(3) The Commission may procure temporary and intermittent services to the same extent as is authorized by section 3109(b) of title 5, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the daily equivalent of the maximum annual rate of basic pay then in effect for grade GS-18 of the General Schedule (5 U.S.C. 5332(a)).

(4) Upon request of the Commission, the head of any Federal department or agency, including the Secretary of State, may detail, on a reimbursable basis, any of the personnel of such department or agency to the Commission to assist it in carrying out its duties under this section.

(5) The Commission may secure directly from any department or agency of the United States, including the Department of State, any informa-

tion necessary to enable it to carry out this section. Upon the request of the Chairman of the Commission, the head of such department or agency shall furnish such information to the Commission.

(6) The Commission may accept, use, and dispose of gifts or donations of money or property.

(7) The Commission may use the United States mails in the same manner and upon the same conditions as other departments and agencies of the United States.

(8) The Administrator of General Services shall provide to the Commission on a reimbursable basis such administrative support services as the Commission may request.

(h) Reports

The Commission shall transmit an annual report to the President and to each House of Congress as soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year. Each report shall include a detailed statement of the activities and accomplishments of the Commission during the preceding fiscal year and any recommendations by the Commission for legislation and administrative actions.

(Pub. L. 99-83, title XIII, § 1303, Aug. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 280; Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, § 101(b) [title VI, § 620], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-50, 2681-115.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The General Schedule, referred to in subsec. (g)(2), is set out under section 5332 of Title 5.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 105-277 substituted “six” for “three”.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1985, see section 1301 of Pub. L. 99-83, set out as an Effective Date of 1985 Amendment note under section 2151-1 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse.

TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of provisions in subsec. (h) of this section relating to transmittal of annual report to Congress, 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 157 of House Document No. 103-7.

REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS TO GS-16, 17, OR 18 PAY RATES

References in laws to the rates of pay for GS-16, 17, or 18, or to maximum rates of pay under the General Schedule, to be considered references to rates payable under specified sections of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, see section 529 [title I, § 101(c)(1)] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out in a note under section 5376 of Title 5.

§ 469k. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title VI, § 604(e)(1), Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4173; Pub. L. 107-359, § 3(4)(A), Dec. 17, 2002, 116 Stat. 3016

Section, Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title VI, § 604, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4173; Pub. L. 107-359, § 3, Dec. 17, 2002, 116 Stat. 3016, known as the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996, established the American Battlefield Protection Program. See section 469k-1 of this title.

SHORT TITLE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 107-359, § 1, Dec. 17, 2002, 116 Stat. 3016, provided that: “This Act [amending this section and enact-

ing provisions set out as a note under this section], may be cited as the ‘Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2002.’”

§ 469k-1. American Battlefield Protection Program

(a) Purpose

The purpose of this section is to assist citizens, public and private institutions, and governments at all levels in planning, interpreting, and protecting sites where historic battles were fought on American soil during the armed conflicts that shaped the growth and development of the United States, in order that present and future generations may learn and gain inspiration from the ground where Americans made their ultimate sacrifice.

(b) Preservation assistance

(1) In general

Using the established national historic preservation program to the extent practicable, the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the American Battlefield Protection Program, shall encourage, support, assist, recognize, and work in partnership with citizens, Federal, State, local, and tribal governments, other public entities, educational institutions, and private nonprofit organizations in identifying, researching, evaluating, interpreting, and protecting historic battlefields and associated sites on a National, State, and local level.

(2) Financial assistance

To carry out paragraph (1), the Secretary may use a cooperative agreement, grant, contract, or other generally adopted means of providing financial assistance.

(3) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated \$3,000,000 annually to carry out this subsection, to remain available until expended.

(c) Battlefield acquisition grant program

(1) Definitions

In this subsection:

(A) Battlefield Report

The term “Battlefield Report” means the document entitled “Report on the Nation’s Civil War Battlefields”, prepared by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission, and dated July 1993.

(B) Eligible entity

The term “eligible entity” means a State or local government.

(C) Eligible site

The term “eligible site” means a site—

(i) that is not within the exterior boundaries of a unit of the National Park System; and

(ii) that is identified in the Battlefield Report.

(D) Secretary

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the American Battlefield Protection Program.

(2) Establishment

The Secretary shall establish a battlefield acquisition grant program under which the