112–40, see section 233 of Pub. L. 112–40, set out as a note preceding section 2271 of this title.

$\begin{array}{c} {\rm EFFECTIVE \ AND \ TERMINATION \ DATES \ OF \ 2009} \\ {\rm Amendment} \end{array}$

Amendment by Pub. L. 111–5 effective upon the expiration of the 90-day period beginning on Feb. 17, 2009, see section 1864(e) of Pub. L. 111–5, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates note under section 2344 of this title.

Except as otherwise provided and subject to certain applicability provisions, amendment by Pub. L. 111-5 effective upon the expiration of the 90-day period beginning on Feb. 17, 2009, see section 1891 of Pub. L. 111-5, set out as a note under section 2271 of this title. Section 1893 of Pub. L. 111-5, which provided that, ex-

Section 1893 of Pub. L. 111-5, which provided that, except as otherwise provided, amendment by Pub. L. 111-5 not applicable on or after Feb. 13, 2011, and that this section be applied and administered beginning Feb. 13, 2011, as if amendment by Pub. L. 111-5 had never been enacted, was repealed by Pub. L. 112-40, title II, §201(a), Oct. 21, 2011, 125 Stat. 403. See Codification note above.

TERMINATION DATE

Except as otherwise provided, technical assistance and grants may not be provided under this section after Dec. 31, 2013, see section 285 of Pub. L. 93-618, set out as a note preceding section 2271 of this title.

§2350. Civil actions

In providing technical assistance under this part the Secretary may sue and be sued in any court of record of a State having general jurisdiction or in any United States district court, and jurisdiction is conferred upon such district court to determine such controversies without regard to the amount in controversy; but no attachment, injunction, garnishment, or other similar process, mesne or final, shall be issued against him or his property. Nothing in this section shall be construed to except the activities pursuant to section 2343 of this title from the application of sections 516, 547, and 2679 of title 28.

(Pub. L. 93-618, title II, §258, formerly §260, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2034; renumbered §258 and amended Pub. L. 111-5, div. B, title I, §1864(a)(2), (c)(2), Feb. 17, 2009, 123 Stat. 397, 398; Pub. L. 112-40, title II, §201(b), (c), Oct. 21, 2011, 125 Stat. 403.)

REVERSION TO PROVISIONS IN EFFECT ON FEBRUARY 13, 2011

For reversion, beginning on Jan. 1, 2014, to provisions in effect on Feb. 13, 2011, with certain exceptions and subject to section 233(b) of Pub. L. 112–40, see Codification and Effective and Termination Dates of 2011 Revival notes below.

CODIFICATION

Section 1893 of Pub. L. 111-5, which provided for Feb. 13, 2011, termination of amendment by Pub. L. 111-5, was repealed by Pub. L. 112-40, title II, §201(a), Oct. 21, 2011, 125 Stat. 403, and the provisions of this section, as amended by Pub. L. 111-5 and as in effect on Feb. 12, 2011, were temporarily revived, effective Oct. 21, 2011, until Jan. 1, 2014, by Pub. L. 112-40, §§201(b), (c), 233. See 2009 and 2011 Amendment notes, Effective and Termination Dates of 2009 Amendment notes, and Effective and Effective and Termination Dates of 2011 Revival note below.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 258 of Pub. L. 93–618 was temporarily renumbered section 256 and is classified to section 2348 of this title.

Amendments

2011—Pub. L. 112-40, §§ 201(b), (c), 233, temporarily revived the provisions of this section, as in effect on Feb. 12, 2011. See Codification note above and 2009 Amendment and Effective and Termination Dates of 2011 Revival notes below.

2009—Pub. L. 111–5, \$1864(c)(2)(B), 1893, in last sentence, temporarily substituted "section 2343 of this title" for "sections 2343 and 2344 of this title" and made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to "title 28". See Codification note above and Effective and Termination Dates of 2009 Amendment note below.

Pub. L. 111-5, §§1864(c)(2)(A), 1893, in first sentence, temporarily struck out "and financial" before "assistance". See Codification note above and Effective and Termination Dates of 2009 Amendment note below.

EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES OF 2011 REVIVAL

For temporary revival and applicability of provisions as in effect on Feb. 12, 2011, see sections 201(b), (c) and 233 of Pub. L. 112-40, set out as notes preceding section 2271 of this title. For reversion, beginning on Jan. 1, 2014, to provisions in effect on Feb. 13, 2011, with certain exceptions and subject to section 233(b) of Pub. L. 112-40, see section 233 of Pub. L. 112-40, set out as a note preceding section 2271 of this title.

EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES OF 2009 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111-5 effective upon the expiration of the 90-day period beginning on Feb. 17, 2009, see section 1864(e) of Pub. L. 111-5, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates note under section 2344 of this title.

Except as otherwise provided and subject to certain applicability provisions, amendment by Pub. L. 111-5 effective upon the expiration of the 90-day period beginning on Feb. 17, 2009, see section 1891 of Pub. L. 111-5, set out as a note under section 2271 of this title.

Section 1893 of Pub. L. 111–5, which provided that, except as otherwise provided, amendment by Pub. L. 111–5 not applicable on or after Feb. 13, 2011, and that this section be applied and administered beginning Feb. 13, 2011, as if amendment by Pub. L. 111–5 had never been enacted, was repealed by Pub. L. 112–40, title II, \$201(a), Oct. 21, 2011, 125 Stat. 403. See Codification note above.

TERMINATION DATE

Except as otherwise provided, technical assistance and grants may not be provided under this section after Dec. 31, 2013, see section 285 of Pub. L. 93-618, set out as a note preceding section 2271 of this title.

§2351. "Firm" defined

For purposes of this part:

(1) Firm

The term "firm" includes an individual proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation (including a development corporation), business trust, cooperative, trustee in bankruptcy, and receiver under decree of any court. A firm, together with any predecessor or successor firm, or any affiliated firm controlled or substantially beneficially owned by substantially the same persons, may be considered a single firm where necessary to prevent unjustifiable benefits.

(2) Service sector firm

The term "service sector firm" means a firm engaged in the business of supplying services.

(Pub. L. 93–618, title II, §259, formerly §261, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2034; renumbered §259 and amended Pub. L. 111–5, div. B, title I, §§1861(b),