

§ 1704. National Recording Registry Collection of the Library of Congress

(a) In general

All copies of sound recordings on the National Recording Registry that are received by the Librarian under subsection (b) of this section shall be maintained in the Library of Congress and be known as the “National Recording Registry Collection of the Library of Congress”. The Librarian shall by regulation and in accordance with title 17 provide for reasonable access to the sound recordings and other materials in such collection for scholarly and research purposes.

(b) Acquisition of quality copies

(1) In general

The Librarian shall seek to obtain, by gift from the owner, a quality copy of the Registry version of each sound recording included in the National Recording Registry.

(2) Limit on number of copies

Not more than one copy of the same version or take of any sound recording may be preserved in the National Recording Registry. Nothing in the preceding sentence may be construed to prohibit the Librarian from making or distributing copies of sound recordings included in the Registry for purposes of carrying out this Act.

(c) Property of United States

All copies of sound recordings on the National Recording Registry that are received by the Librarian under subsection (b) of this section shall become the property of the United States Government, subject to the provisions of title 17.

(Pub. L. 106-474, title I, §104, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2087.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(2), is Pub. L. 106-474, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2085, known as the National Recording Preservation Act of 2000, which enacted this chapter and chapter 1524 (§152401 et seq.) of Title 36, Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1701 of this title and Tables.

SUBCHAPTER II—NATIONAL SOUND RECORDING PRESERVATION PROGRAM

§ 1711. Establishment of program by Librarian of Congress

(a) In general

The Librarian shall, after consultation with the National Recording Preservation Board established under subchapter III of this chapter, implement a comprehensive national sound recording preservation program, in conjunction with other sound recording archivists, educators and historians, copyright owners, recording industry representatives, and others involved in activities related to sound recording preservation, and taking into account studies conducted by the Board.

(b) Contents of program specified

The program established under subsection (a) of this section shall—

(1) coordinate activities to assure that efforts of archivists and copyright owners, and others in the public and private sector, are effective and complementary;

(2) generate public awareness of and support for these activities;

(3) increase accessibility of sound recordings for educational purposes;

(4) undertake studies and investigations of sound recording preservation activities as needed, including the efficacy of new technologies, and recommend solutions to improve these practices; and

(5) utilize the audiovisual conservation center of the Library of Congress at Culpeper, Virginia, to ensure that preserved sound recordings included in the National Recording Registry are stored in a proper manner and disseminated to researchers, scholars, and the public as may be appropriate in accordance with title 17 and the terms of any agreements between the Librarian and persons who hold copyrights to such recordings.

(Pub. L. 106-474, title I, §111, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2087.)

§ 1712. Promoting accessibility and public awareness of sound recordings

The Librarian shall carry out activities to make sound recordings included in the National Recording Registry more broadly accessible for research and educational purposes and to generate public awareness and support of the Registry and the comprehensive national sound recording preservation program established under this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 106-474, title I, §112, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2088.)

SUBCHAPTER III—NATIONAL RECORDING PRESERVATION BOARD

§ 1721. Establishment

The Librarian shall establish in the Library of Congress a National Recording Preservation Board whose members shall be selected in accordance with the procedures described in section 1722 of this title.

(Pub. L. 106-474, title I, §121, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2088.)

§ 1722. Appointment of members

(a) Selections from lists submitted by organizations

(1) In general

The Librarian shall request each organization described in paragraph (2) to submit a list of three candidates qualified to serve as a member of the Board. The Librarian shall appoint one member from each such list, and shall designate from that list an alternate who may attend at Board expense those meetings which the individual appointed to the Board cannot attend.

(2) Organizations described

The organizations described in this paragraph are as follows:

(A) National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (NARAS).