

2000—Pub. L. 106-219 substituted “National Opera” for “Washington Opera Society” in second par.

1989—Pub. L. 101-121 substituted “\$7,500,000” for “\$5,000,000” in first par.

1987—Pub. L. 100-202 substituted “direction of the Commission of Fine Arts” for “direction of the National Endowment for the Humanities” in first par. and amended third par. generally. Prior to amendment, third par. read as follows: “The Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities shall establish an application process and shall, along with the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Chairman of the Commission on Fine Arts determine the eligibility of applicant organizations in addition to those herein named.”

1986—Pub. L. 99-500 and Pub. L. 99-591 substituted “whose primary purpose is” for “which are engaged primarily in” in first par. and “annual income, exclusive of Federal Funds,” for “an annual operating budget”, “operating budget”, and “operating budgets” in third and fourth pars.

REDESIGNATION OF CAPITAL CHILDREN’S MUSEUM AS  
NATIONAL CHILDREN’S MUSEUM

Pub. L. 108-81, title V, §502, Sept. 25, 2003, 117 Stat. 1003, provided that:

“(a) DESIGNATION.—The Capital Children’s Museum located at 800 Third Street, NE, Washington, D.C. (or any successor location), organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, is designated as the ‘National Children’s Museum’.

“(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Capital Children’s Museum referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the ‘National Children’s Museum’.”

REDESIGNATION OF WASHINGTON OPERA AS NATIONAL  
OPERA

Pub. L. 106-219, June 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 346, provided that:

“SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

“The Washington Opera, organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, is designated as the ‘National Opera’.

“SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

“Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper or other record of the United States to the Washington Opera referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the ‘National Opera’.”

**§ 957. National Council on the Humanities**

**(a) Establishment**

There is established in the National Endowment for the Humanities a National Council on the Humanities.

**(b) Composition; basis for selection of members; representation of interests; recommendations of national organizations**

The Council shall be composed of the Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities, who shall be the Chairperson of the Council, and twenty-six other members appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from private life. Such members shall be individuals who (1) are selected from among private citizens of the United States who are recognized for their broad knowledge of, expertise in, or commitment to the humanities, and (2) have established records of distinguished service and scholarship or creativity and in a manner which will provide a comprehensive representation of the views of scholars and professional practitioners in the

humanities and of the public throughout the United States. The President is requested in the making of such appointments to give consideration to such recommendations as may from time to time be submitted to him by leading national organizations concerned with the humanities. In making such appointments, the President shall give due regard to equitable representation of women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities who are involved in the humanities.

**(c) Term of office; vacancies; reappointment**

Each member shall hold office for a term of six years, except that (1) the members first taking office shall serve, as designated by the President, nine for terms of two years, nine for terms of four years, and eight for terms of six years, and (2) any member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term for which such member’s predecessor was appointed. No member shall be eligible for reappointment during the two-year period following the expiration of such member’s term. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subsection, a member shall serve after the expiration of such member’s term until such member’s successor takes office.

**(d) Meetings; quorum**

The Council shall meet at the call of the Chairperson but not less often than twice during each calendar year. Fourteen members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

**(e) Compensation and travel expenses**

Members shall receive compensation at a rate to be fixed by the Chairperson but not to exceed the per diem equivalent of the rate authorized for grade GS-18 by section 5332 of title 5 and be allowed travel expenses including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by law (section 5703 of title 5) for persons in the Government service employed intermittently.

**(f) Advisory functions: policies, programs, and procedures; review of applications for financial support; recommendations prerequisite to action of Chairperson; unilateral action by Chairperson pursuant to delegation of authority**

The Council shall (1) advise the Chairperson with respect to policies, programs, and procedures for carrying out the Chairperson’s functions, and (2) shall review applications for financial support and make recommendations thereon to the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall not approve or disapprove any such application until the Chairperson has received the recommendation of the Council on such application, unless the Council fails to make a recommendation thereon within a reasonable time. In the case of any application involving \$30,000, or less, the Chairperson may approve or disapprove such request if such action is taken pursuant to the terms of a delegation of authority from the Council to the Chairperson, and provided that each such action by the Chairperson shall be reviewed by the Council: *Provided*, That the terms of any such delegation of authority shall not permit obligations for expenditure of funds under such delegation for any fiscal year which

exceed an amount equal to 10 per centum of the sums appropriated for that fiscal year pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of section 960(a) of this title.

(Pub. L. 89-209, § 8, Sept. 29, 1965, 79 Stat. 851; Pub. L. 90-348, § 4, June 18, 1968, 82 Stat. 186; Pub. L. 91-346, § 5(c), July 20, 1970, 84 Stat. 444; Pub. L. 93-133, § 2(a)(7), Oct. 19, 1973, 87 Stat. 464; Pub. L. 94-462, title I, § 103(b), Oct. 8, 1976, 90 Stat. 1971; Pub. L. 96-496, title I, § 105, Dec. 4, 1980, 94 Stat. 2587; renumbered title I, § 8, and amended Pub. L. 98-306, § 2, 5(b), May 31, 1984, 98 Stat. 223, 224; renumbered § 8 and amended Pub. L. 99-194, title I, §§ 101(1), 108, Dec. 20, 1985, 99 Stat. 1332, 1338.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1985—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-194, § 108(1), substituted “Chairperson” for “Chairman” in two places, substituted “individuals who (1) are selected from among private citizens of the United States who are recognized for their broad knowledge of, expertise in, or commitment to the humanities, and (2) have established records of” for “selected on the basis of”, and inserted provision that in making such appointments, the President shall give due regard to equitable representation of women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities who are involved in the humanities.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99-194, § 108(2), substituted “such member’s” for “his” wherever appearing.

Subsecs. (d), (e). Pub. L. 99-194, § 108(3), substituted “Chairperson” for “Chairman” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 99-194, § 108(3), (4), substituted “Chairperson” for “Chairman” wherever appearing, “the Chairperson’s” for “his”, and “until the Chairperson has received” for “until he has received”.

1984—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 98-306, § 5(b), inserted “Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subsection, a member shall serve after the expiration of his term until his successor takes office.”

1980—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 96-496 substituted “\$30,000” for “\$17,500”.

1976—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-462 inserted “, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,” after “by the President”.

1973—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 93-133 substituted “\$17,500” for “\$10,000” and inserted proviso that the terms of delegation of authority shall not permit obligations for expenditure of funds under such delegation for any fiscal year which exceeds an amount equal to 10 per centum of the sums appropriated for that fiscal year.

1970—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 91-346 set forth provisions governing compensation of persons employed for the Government service on an intermittent basis.

1968—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 90-348 inserted provisions which authorized the Chairman, in the case of any application involving \$10,000 or less, to approve or disapprove the application if such action is pursuant to the terms of a delegation of authority from the Endowment Council and such action is reviewed by the Endowment Council.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1973 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-133 effective on and after July 1, 1973, see section 2(b) of Pub. L. 93-133, set out as a note under section 951 of this title.

#### 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.

#### § 957a. Omitted

#### CODIFICATION

Section, Pub. L. 98-146, title II, Nov. 4, 1983, 97 Stat. 949, which directed that persons serving on National Council on the Humanities continue until their successors are qualified for office, was omitted as superseded. See section 957(c) of this title, as amended by Pub. L. 98-306. Similar provisions were contained in Pub. L. 97-394, title II, Dec. 30, 1982, 96 Stat. 1994.

#### § 958. Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities

##### (a) Establishment

There is established within the Foundation a Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities.

##### (b) Composition; presiding officer; changes in membership to meet changes in programs or executive branch organization

The Council shall be composed of the Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts, the Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, the Director of the National Science Foundation, the Librarian of Congress, the Director of the National Gallery of Art, the Chairman of the Commission of Fine Arts, the Archivist of the United States, the Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration, the Assistant Secretary for Aging, a member designated by the Secretary of State, and a member designated by the Secretary of the Interior, a member designated by the Chairman of the Senate Commission on Art and Antiquities, and a member designated by the Speaker of the House. The President shall designate the presiding officer of the Council from among the members. The President is authorized to change the membership of the Council from time to time as the President deems necessary to meet changes in Federal programs or executive branch organization.

##### (c) Functions

The Council shall—

(1) advise and consult with the Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities on major problems arising in carrying out the purposes of the Foundation;

(2) advise and consult with the National Museum Services Board and with the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services on major problems arising in carrying out the purposes of such Institute;

(3) coordinate, by advice and consultation, so far as is practicable, the policies and operations of the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, including joint support of activities, as appropriate;

(4) promote coordination between the programs and activities of the Foundation and related programs and activities of other Federal agencies;

(5) plan and coordinate appropriate participation (including productions and projects) in major and historic national events;