

SUBCHAPTER VI—TRANSFER TO COMMISSION OF FUNCTIONS UNDER CERTAIN LAWS

**§ 15531. Transfer of functions of Office of Election Administration of Federal Election Commission**

There are transferred to the Election Assistance Commission established under section 15321 of this title all functions which the Office of Election Administration, established within the Federal Election Commission, exercised before October 29, 2002.

(Pub. L. 107-252, title VIII, §801(a), Oct. 29, 2002, 116 Stat. 1725.)

**§ 15532. Transfer of functions**

There are transferred to the Election Assistance Commission established under section 15321 of this title all functions which the Federal Election Commission exercised under section 1973gg-7(a) of this title before October 29, 2002.

(Pub. L. 107-252, title VIII, §802(a), Oct. 29, 2002, 116 Stat. 1726.)

**§ 15533. Transfer of property, records, and personnel**

**(a) Property and records**

The contracts, liabilities, records, property, and other assets and interests of, or made available in connection with, the offices and functions of the Federal Election Commission which are transferred by this subchapter are transferred to the Election Assistance Commission for appropriate allocation.

**(b) Personnel**

**(1) In general**

The personnel employed in connection with the offices and functions of the Federal Election Commission which are transferred by this subchapter are transferred to the Election Assistance Commission.

**(2) Effect**

Any full-time or part-time personnel employed in permanent positions shall not be separated or reduced in grade or compensation because of the transfer under this subsection during the 1-year period beginning on October 29, 2002.

(Pub. L. 107-252, title VIII, §803, Oct. 29, 2002, 116 Stat. 1726.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this subtitle”, meaning subtitle A (§§801-804) of title VIII of Pub. L. 107-252, Oct. 29, 2002, 116 Stat. 1725, which enacted this subchapter and amended section 1973gg-7 of this title and section 438 of Title 2, The Congress. For complete classification of subtitle A to the Code, see Tables.

**§ 15534. Effective date; transition**

**(a) Effective date**

This subchapter and the amendments made by this subchapter shall take effect upon the appointment of all members of the Election Assistance Commission under section 15323 of this title.

**(b) Transition**

With the consent of the entity involved, the Election Assistance Commission is authorized to utilize the services of such officers, employees, and other personnel of the entities from which functions have been transferred to the Election Assistance Commission under this subchapter or the amendments made by this subchapter for such period of time as may reasonably be needed to facilitate the orderly transfer of such functions.

**(c) No effect on authorities of Office of Election Administration prior to appointment of members of Commission**

During the period which begins on October 29, 2002, and ends on the effective date described in subsection (a) of this section, the Office of Election Administration of the Federal Election Commission shall continue to have the authority to carry out any of the functions (including the development of voluntary standards for voting systems and procedures for the certification of voting systems) which it has the authority to carry out as of October 29, 2002.

(Pub. L. 107-252, title VIII, §804, Oct. 29, 2002, 116 Stat. 1726.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in subsecs. (a) and (b), was in the original “this title”, meaning title VIII of Pub. L. 107-252, Oct. 29, 2002, 116 Stat. 1725, which enacted this subchapter, amended section 1973gg-7 of this title, section 438 of Title 2, The Congress, sections 3132 and 7323 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, and section 8G of the Inspector General Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95-452, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, and enacted provisions set out as a note under section 8G of the Inspector General Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95-452, set out in the Appendix to Title 5. For complete classification of title VIII to the Code, see Tables.

SUBCHAPTER VII—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

**§ 15541. State defined**

In this chapter, the term “State” includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and the United States Virgin Islands.

(Pub. L. 107-252, title IX, §901, Oct. 29, 2002, 116 Stat. 1727.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 107-252, Oct. 29, 2002, 116 Stat. 1666, known as the Help America Vote Act of 2002, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 15301 of this title and Tables.

**§ 15542. Audits and repayment of funds**

**(a) Recordkeeping requirement**

Each recipient of a grant or other payment made under this chapter shall keep such records with respect to the payment as are consistent with sound accounting principles, including records which fully disclose the amount and disposition by such recipient of funds, the total cost of the project or undertaking for which