

Pub. L. 97-34, §301(b)(3), inserted “or 128” after “section 116”.

1980—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 96-223 inserted “or interest” after “dividends” in heading and text.

1977—Subsec. (d)(4). Pub. L. 95-30 struck out par. (4) relating to standard deduction.

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-414 inserted provision relating to treatment of two or more bank members of same affiliated group.

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 94-455, §2138, designated existing provisions relating to trustee, executor, administrator and guardian as subpar. (A) and added subpar. (B).

Subsec. (c)(1)(A), (B). Pub. L. 94-455, §1402(b)(2), provided that “9 months” would be changed to “1 year” wherever appearing.

Pub. L. 94-455, §1402(b)(1)(H), provided that “6 months” would be changed to “9 months” for taxable years beginning in 1977.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 94-455, §1901(b)(1)(G), struck out provisions relating to partially tax exempt interest and election of a common trust fund to amortize premiums on bonds and other obligations.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 94-455, §2131(d), inserted “The admission of a participant shall be treated with respect to the participant as the purchase of, or exchange for, the participating interest”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 94-455, §1906(b)(13)(A), struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

1964—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 88-272 struck out “section 34 or” before “section 116 applies”.

1962—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 87-722 inserted “or the Comptroller of the Currency” after “the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 108-27 applicable, except as otherwise provided, to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2002, see section 302(f) of Pub. L. 108-27, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2003 Amendment note under section 1 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1999 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 106-36 applicable to transfers after Oct. 18, 1998, see section 3001(e) of Pub. L. 106-36, set out as a note under section 351 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 104-188, title I, §1805(b), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1895, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply to transfers after December 31, 1995.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-647, title I, §1008(e)(5)(B), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3440, provided that: “The amendment made by subparagraph (A) [amending this section] shall take effect as if included in the amendments made by section 806 of the Reform Act [Pub. L. 99-514], except that section 806(e)(1) [set out as a note under section 1378 of this title] shall be applied by substituting ‘December 31, 1987’ for ‘December 31, 1986’. For purposes of section 806(e)(2) of the Reform Act [set out as a note under section 1378 of this title]—

“(i) a participant in a common trust fund shall be treated in the same manner as a partner, and

“(ii) subparagraph (C) thereof shall be applied by substituting ‘December 31, 1987’ for ‘December 31, 1986’ and as if it did not contain the election to include all income in the short taxable year.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 99-514, title VI, §612(b)(2)(B), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2250, provided that: “If the amendments made by section 1001 of the Tax Reform Act of 1984 [Pub. L. 98-369, amending this section and sections 166, 341, 402, 403, 423, 582, 631, 642, 702, 818, 852, 856, 857, 1222, 1223, 1231, 1232, 1233, 1234, 1235, 1246, 1247, and 1248 of this title] cease to apply [see Effective Date of 1984 Amendment

note below], effective with respect to property to which such amendments do not apply, subsection (c) of section 584 is amended by striking out ‘6 months’ each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof ‘1 year’.”

Amendment by section 612(b)(2) of Pub. L. 99-514 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1986, see section 612(c) of Pub. L. 99-514, set out as a note under section 301 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-369 applicable to property acquired after June 22, 1984, and before Jan. 1, 1988, see section 1001(e) of Pub. L. 98-369, set out as a note under section 166 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1983 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-448 effective, except as otherwise provided, as if it had been included in the provision of the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, Pub. L. 97-34, to which such amendment relates, see section 109 of Pub. L. 97-448, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 301(b)(3) of Pub. L. 97-34 applicable to taxable years ending after Sept. 30, 1981, and amendment by section 301(b)(6)(A) of Pub. L. 97-34 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1981, see section 301(d) of Pub. L. 97-34, set out as a note under section 265 of this title.

EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-223 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1980, and before Jan. 1, 1982, see section 404(c) of Pub. L. 96-223, set out as a note under section 265 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1977 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-30 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1976, see section 106(a) of Pub. L. 95-30, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 94-455, title XXI, §2131(f)(6), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1925, provided that: “The amendments made by subsections (d) and (e) [amending this section and section 683 of this title] shall take effect on April 8, 1976, in taxable years ending on or after such date.”

Pub. L. 94-455, title XIV, §1402(b)(1), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1731, provided that the amendment made by that section is effective with respect to taxable years beginning in 1977.

Pub. L. 94-455, title XIV, §1402(b)(2), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1732, provided that the amendment made by that section is effective with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1977.

Amendment by section 1901(b)(1)(G) of Pub. L. 94-455 applicable with respect to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1976, see section 1901(d) of Pub. L. 94-455, set out as an Effective Date of 1976 Amendment note under section 2 of this title.

Pub. L. 94-414, §2, Sept. 17, 1976, 90 Stat. 1273, provided that: “The amendment made by the first section of this Act [amending this section] shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1975.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1964 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 88-272 applicable with respect to dividends received after Dec. 31, 1964, in taxable years ending after such date, see section 201(e) of Pub. L. 88-272, set out as a note under section 22 of this title.

§ 585. Reserves for losses on loans of banks

(a) Reserve for bad debts

(1) In general

Except as provided in subsection (c), a bank shall be allowed a deduction for a reasonable

addition to a reserve for bad debts. Such deduction shall be in lieu of any deduction under section 166(a).

(2) Bank

For purposes of this section—

(A) In general

The term “bank” means any bank (as defined in section 581).

(B) Banking business of United States branch of foreign corporation

The term “bank” also includes any corporation to which subparagraph (A) would apply except for the fact that it is a foreign corporation. In the case of any such foreign corporation, this section shall apply only with respect to loans outstanding the interest on which is effectively connected with the conduct of a banking business within the United States.

(b) Addition to reserves for bad debts

(1) General rule

For purposes of subsection (a), the reasonable addition to the reserve for bad debts of any financial institution to which this section applies shall be an amount determined by the taxpayer which shall not exceed the addition to the reserve for losses on loans determined under the experience method as provided in paragraph (2).

(2) Experience method

The amount determined under this paragraph for a taxable year shall be the amount necessary to increase the balance of the reserve for losses on loans (at the close of the taxable year) to the greater of—

(A) the amount which bears the same ratio to loans outstanding at the close of the taxable year as (i) the total bad debts sustained during the taxable year and the 5 preceding taxable years (or, with the approval of the Secretary, a shorter period), adjusted for recoveries of bad debts during such period, bears to (ii) the sum of the loans outstanding at the close of such 6 or fewer taxable years, or

(B) the lower of—

(i) the balance of the reserve at the close of the base year, or

(ii) if the amount of loans outstanding at the close of the taxable year is less than the amount of loans outstanding at the close of the base year, the amount which bears the same ratio to loans outstanding at the close of the taxable year as the balance of the reserve at the close of the base year bears to the amount of loans outstanding at the close of the base year.

For purposes of this paragraph, the base year shall be the last taxable year before the most recent adoption of the experience method, except that for taxable years beginning after 1987 the base year shall be the last taxable year beginning before 1988.

(3) Regulations; definition of loan

The Secretary shall define the term loan and prescribe such regulations as may be nec-

essary to carry out the purposes of this section.

(c) Section not to apply to large banks

(1) In general

In the case of a large bank, this section shall not apply (and no deduction shall be allowed under any other provision of this subtitle for any addition to a reserve for bad debts).

(2) Large banks

For purposes of this subsection, a bank is a large bank if, for the taxable year (or for any preceding taxable year beginning after December 31, 1986)—

(A) the average adjusted bases of all assets of such bank exceeded \$500,000,000, or

(B) such bank was a member of a parent-subsidiary controlled group and the average adjusted bases of all assets of such group exceeded \$500,000,000.

(3) 4-year spread of adjustments

(A) In general

Except as provided in paragraph (4), in the case of any bank which for its last taxable year before the disqualification year maintained a reserve for bad debts—

(i) the provisions of this subsection shall be treated as a change in the method of accounting of such bank for the disqualification year,

(ii) such change shall be treated as having been made with the consent of the Secretary, and

(iii) the net amount of adjustments required by section 481(a) to be taken into account by the taxpayer shall be taken into account in each of the 4 taxable years beginning with the disqualification year with—

(I) the amount taken into account for the 1st of such taxable years being the greater of 10 percent of such net amount or such higher percentage of such net amount as the taxpayer may elect, and

(II) the amount taken into account in each of the 3 succeeding taxable years being equal to the applicable fraction (determined in accordance with the following table for the taxable year involved) of the portion of such net amount not taken into account under subclause (I).

If the case of the—	The applicable fraction is—
1st succeeding year	2/3
2nd succeeding year	1/3
3rd succeeding year	1/6.

(B) Suspension of recapture for taxable year for which bank is financially troubled

(i) In general

In the case of a bank which is a financially troubled bank for any taxable year—

(I) no adjustment shall be taken into account under subparagraph (A) for such taxable year, and

(II) such taxable year shall be disregarded in determining whether any other taxable year is a taxable year for

which an adjustment is required to be taken into account under subparagraph (A) or the amount of such adjustment.

(ii) Exception for elective recapture for 1st year

Clause (i) shall not apply to the 1st taxable year referred to in subparagraph (A)(iii)(I) if the taxpayer elects a higher percentage in accordance with such subparagraph.

(iii) Financially troubled bank

For purposes of clause (i), the term “financially troubled bank” means any bank if, for the taxable year, the nonperforming loan percentage of such bank exceeds 75 percent.

(iv) Nonperforming loan percentage

For purposes of clause (iii), the term “nonperforming loan percentage” means the percentage determined by dividing—

(I) the sum of the outstanding balances of nonperforming loans of the bank as of the close of each quarter of the taxable year, by

(II) the sum of the amounts of equity of the bank as of the close of each such quarter.

In the case of a bank which is a member of a parent-subsidiary controlled group for the taxable year, the preceding sentence shall be applied with respect to such group.

(v) Other definitions

For purposes of this subparagraph—

(I) Nonperforming loans

The term “nonperforming loan” means any loan which is considered to be nonperforming by the primary Federal regulatory agency with respect to the bank.

(II) Equity

The term “equity” means the equity of the bank as determined for Federal regulatory purposes.

(C) Coordination with estimated tax payments

For purposes of applying section 6655(e)(2)(A)(i) with respect to any installment, the determination under subparagraph (B) of whether an adjustment is required to be taken into account under subparagraph (A) shall be made as of the last day prescribed for payment of such installment.

(4) Elective cut-off method

If a bank makes an election under this paragraph for the disqualification year—

(A) the provisions of this subsection shall not be treated as a change in the method of accounting of the taxpayer for purposes of section 481,

(B) the taxpayer shall continue to maintain its reserve for loans held by the bank as of the 1st day of the disqualification year and charge against such reserve any losses resulting from loans held by the bank as of such 1st day, and

(C) no deduction shall be allowed under this section (or any other provision of this subtitle) for any addition to such reserve for the disqualification year or any subsequent taxable year.

If the amount of the reserve referred to in subparagraph (B) as of the close of any taxable year exceeds the outstanding balance (as of such time) of the loans referred to in subparagraph (B), such excess shall be included in gross income for such taxable year.

(5) Definitions

For purposes of this subsection—

(A) Parent-subsidiary controlled group

The term “parent-subsidiary controlled group” means any controlled group of corporations described in section 1563(a)(1). In determining the average adjusted bases of assets held by such a group, interests held by one member of such group in another member of such group shall be disregarded.

(B) Disqualification year

The term “disqualification year” means, with respect to any bank, the 1st taxable year beginning after December 31, 1986, for which such bank was a large bank if such bank maintained a reserve for bad debts for the preceding taxable year.

(C) Election made by each member

In the case of a parent-subsidiary controlled group, any election under this section shall be made separately by each member of such group.

(Added Pub. L. 91-172, title IV, §431(a), Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 616; amended Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 97-34, title II, §267(a), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 266; Pub. L. 99-514, title IX, §901(a), (d)(1), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2375, 2378; Pub. L. 100-203, title X, §10301(b)(2), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-429; Pub. L. 100-647, title I, §1009(a)(2), (3), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3445; Pub. L. 101-508, title XI, §11801(a)(26), (c)(12)(C)-(E), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-521, 1388-527; Pub. L. 104-188, title I, §1616(b)(6), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1856.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (a)(2)(A). Pub. L. 104-188 struck out “other than an organization to which section 593 applies” after “section 581”.

1990—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 101-508, §11801(c)(12)(C), substituted “shall not exceed the addition to the reserve for losses on loans determined under the experience method as provided in paragraph (2).” for “shall not exceed the greater of—

“(A) for taxable years beginning before 1988 the addition to the reserve for losses on loans determined under the percentage method as provided in paragraph (2), or

“(B) the addition to the reserve for losses on loans determined under the experience method as provided in paragraph (3).”

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 101-508, §11801(a)(26), (c)(12)(D), redesignated par. (3) as (2) and struck out former par. (2) which related to use of percentage method for determining amount to add to reserve for bad debts.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 101-508, §11801(c)(12)(D), (E), redesignated par. (4) as (3), substituted heading for one which read: “Regulations; definition of eligible loan, etc.”, and amended text generally. Prior to amend-

ment, text read as follows: “The Secretary shall define the terms ‘loan’ and ‘eligible loan’ and prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section; except that the term ‘eligible loan’ shall not include—

“(A) a loan to a bank (as defined in section 581),

“(B) a loan to a domestic branch of a foreign corporation to which subsection (a)(2) applies,

“(C) a loan secured by a deposit (i) in the lending bank, or (ii) in an institution described in subparagraph (A) or (B) if the lending bank has control over withdrawal of such deposit,

“(D) a loan to or guaranteed by the United States, a possession or instrumentality thereof, or a State or a political subdivision thereof,

“(E) a loan evidenced by a security as defined in section 165(g)(2)(C),

“(F) a loan of Federal funds, and

“(G) commercial paper, including short-term promissory notes which may be purchased on the open market.” Former par. (3) redesignated (2).

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 101-508, §11801(c)(12)(D), redesignated par. (4) as (3).

1988—Subsec. (c)(3)(A)(iii)(I). Pub. L. 100-647, §1009(a)(2)(B), substituted “such higher percentage of such net amount as the taxpayer may elect” for “such greater amount as the taxpayer may designate”.

Subsec. (c)(3)(B)(ii). Pub. L. 100-647, §1009(a)(2)(C), substituted “elects a higher percentage” for “designates an amount”.

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 100-647, §1009(a)(3), inserted at end “If the amount of the reserve referred to in subparagraph (B) as of the close of any taxable year exceeds the outstanding balance (as of such time) of the loans referred to in subparagraph (B), such excess shall be included in gross income for such taxable year.”

Subsec. (c)(5)(C). Pub. L. 100-647, §1009(a)(2)(A), added subpar. (C).

1987—Subsec. (c)(3)(C). Pub. L. 100-203 substituted “section 6655(e)(2)(A)(i)” for “section 6655(d)(3)”.

1986—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-514, §901(a)(1), amended subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (a) read as follows: “This section shall apply to the following financial institutions:

“(1) any bank (as defined in section 581) other than an organization to which section 593 applies, and

“(2) any corporation to which paragraph (1) would apply except for the fact that it is a foreign corporation, and in the case of any such foreign corporation this section shall apply only with respect to loans outstanding the interest on which is effectively connected with the conduct of a banking business within the United States.”

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 99-514, §901(d)(1), substituted “subsection (a)” for “section 166(c)”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99-514, §901(a)(2), added subsec. (c).

1981—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 97-34 defined “allowable percentage” to mean 1.0 percent for taxable years beginning in 1982 and 0.6 percent for taxable years beginning after 1982, previously so applicable for taxable years beginning after 1981 and redefined “base year” by substituting the last taxable year beginning before 1976 for taxable years beginning after 1975 but before 1983, for the last taxable year beginning before 1976 for taxable years after 1975 but before 1982; and the last taxable year beginning before 1983 for taxable years beginning after 1982, for the last taxable year beginning before 1982 for taxable years beginning after 1981.

1976—Subsec. (b)(3), (4). Pub. L. 94-455 struck out “or his delegate” after “Secretary”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-188 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1995, see section 1616(c) of Pub. L. 104-188, set out as a note under section 593 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-647 effective, except as otherwise provided, as if included in the provision of

the Tax Reform Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-514, to which such amendment relates, see section 1019(a) of Pub. L. 100-647, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-203, title X, §10301(c), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-429, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 6201, 6425, 6601, 6651, and 6655 of this title and repealing section 6154 of this title] shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1987.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-514 applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1986, see section 901(e) of Pub. L. 99-514, set out as a note under section 166 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 97-34, title II, §267(b), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 267, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply to taxable years beginning after 1981.”

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 91-172, title IV, §431(d), Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 620, provided that: “The amendments made by subsections (a) [enacting this section and section 586 of this title] and (c) [amending section 166 of this title] shall apply to taxable years beginning after July 11, 1969.”

SAVINGS PROVISION

For provisions that nothing in amendment by Pub. L. 101-508 be construed to affect treatment of certain transactions occurring, property acquired, or items of income, loss, deduction, or credit taken into account prior to Nov. 5, 1990, for purposes of determining liability for tax for periods ending after Nov. 5, 1990, see section 11821(b) of Pub. L. 101-508, set out as a note under section 45K of this title.

[§ 586. Repealed. Pub. L. 99-514, title IX, §901(c), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2378]

Section, added Pub. L. 91-172, title IV, §431(a), Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 618; amended Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(13)(A), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834, related to reserves for losses on loans of small business investment companies, etc.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal applicable to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 1986, see section 901(e) of Pub. L. 99-514, set out as an Effective Date of 1986 Amendment note under section 166 of this title.

PART II—MUTUAL SAVINGS BANKS, ETC.

Sec.

591. Deduction for dividends paid on deposits.
 [592. Repealed.]
 593. Reserves for losses on loans.
 594. Alternative tax for mutual savings banks conducting life insurance business.
 [595, 596. Repealed.]
 597. Treatment of transactions in which Federal financial assistance provided.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-188, title I, §1616(b)(16), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1857, struck out items 595 “Foreclosure on property securing loans” and 596 “Limitation on dividends received deduction”.

1989—Pub. L. 101-73, title XIV, §1401(b)(1), Aug. 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 549, repealed amendment made by Pub. L. 99-514, §904(b)(2), see 1986 Amendment note below.

Pub. L. 101-73, title XIV, §1401(a)(3)(C), Aug. 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 549, substituted “Treatment of transactions in