

(3) For penalty costs to property owners for prepayment of mortgages incident to acquisition of the properties by the United States.

(Pub. L. 88-300, § 3, Apr. 29, 1964, 78 Stat. 184.)

#### CODIFICATION

In par. b., "chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5" substituted for "the Classification Act of 1949, as amended" on authority of Pub. L. 89-554, § 7(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 631, the first section of which enacted Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

#### § 277d-20. Limitation on application for reimbursement or compensation

Application for reimbursement or compensation under section 277d-19 of this title shall be submitted to the Commissioner within either one year from the date of acquisition or the date of vacating the premises by the applicant, whichever date is later. Applications not submitted within said period shall be forever barred.

(Pub. L. 88-300, § 4, Apr. 29, 1964, 78 Stat. 185.)

#### § 277d-21. Attorneys' fees; penalties

The Commissioner, in rendering an award in favor of any claimant under section 277d-19 of this title, may, as part of such award, determine and allow reasonable attorneys' fees which shall not exceed 10 per centum of the amount awarded, to be paid out of but not in addition to the amount of award, to the attorneys representing the claimant. Any attorney who charges, demands, receives, or collects for services rendered in connection with such claim any amount in excess of that allowed by the terms of this section, if award be made, shall be fined not more than \$2,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(Pub. L. 88-300, § 5, Apr. 29, 1964, 78 Stat. 185.)

#### § 277d-22. Prohibition against duplicate payments; eligibility for payments unaffected by means employed for acquisition of property; rights and powers unaffected

Payments to be made as herein provided shall be in addition to, but not in duplication of, any payments that may otherwise be authorized by law. The means employed to acquire the property, whether by condemnation or otherwise, shall not affect eligibility for reimbursement or compensation under sections 277d-17 to 277d-25 of this title. Nothing contained in such sections shall be construed as creating any legal right or cause of action against the United States or as precluding the exercise by the Government of the right of eminent domain or any other right or power that it may have under such sections or any other law; nor shall such sections be construed as precluding an owner or tenant from asserting any rights he may have under other laws or the Constitution of the United States.

(Pub. L. 88-300, § 6, Apr. 29, 1964, 78 Stat. 186.)

#### § 277d-23. Taxation; exclusion from gross income

No amount received as an award under subsection a. and subsections b. (1) and (3) of section 277d-19 of this title shall be included in

gross income for purposes of chapter 1 of title 26. However, amounts received under subsection b. (1) shall be included in gross income to the extent that such amounts are not used within one year of the receipt thereof to purchase replacement housing or facilities.

(Pub. L. 88-300, § 7, Apr. 29, 1964, 78 Stat. 186; Pub. L. 99-514, § 2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1986—Pub. L. 99-514 substituted "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" for "Internal Revenue Code of 1954", which for purposes of codification was translated as "title 26" thus requiring no change in text.

#### § 277d-24. Definitions; exemption from administrative procedure provisions

As used in sections 277d-17 to 277d-25 of this title, the term "land" shall include interests in land, and the term "fair value" shall mean fair value of the interest acquired. The provisions of such sections shall be exempt from the operations of subchapter II of chapter 5, and chapter 7, of title 5.

(Pub. L. 88-300, § 8, Apr. 29, 1964, 78 Stat. 186.)

#### CODIFICATION

"Subchapter II of chapter 5, and chapter 7, of title 5" substituted in text for "the Administrative Procedure Act of June 11, 1946 (60 Stat. 237), as amended (5 U.S.C. 1001-1011)" on authority of Pub. L. 89-554, § 7(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 631, the first section of which enacted Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

#### § 277d-25. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of State for the use of the United States section of said Commission not to exceed \$44,900,000 to carry out the provisions of said convention and sections 277d-17 to 277d-25 of this title and for transfer to other Federal agencies to accomplish by them or other proper agency relocation of their facilities necessitated by the project. Of the appropriations authorized by this section, not to exceed \$4,200,000 may be used to carry out the provisions of section 277d-19 of this title. The provisions of section 277d-3 of this title are hereby expressly extended to apply to the carrying out of the provisions of said convention and sections 277d-17 to 277d-25 of this title.

(Pub. L. 88-300, § 9, Apr. 29, 1964, 78 Stat. 186.)

#### § 277d-26. Lower Colorado River emergency flood control works; agreements with Mexico for joint construction, operation and maintenance

The Secretary of State, acting through the United States Commissioner, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, is authorized to conclude, with the appropriate official or officials of the Government of Mexico, agreements for emergency flood control measures of international character in the reaches of the lower Colorado River between Imperial Dam and the Gulf of California, in both the United States and Mexico, such agreements to provide: (a) for the joint clearing and maintaining free of trees and brush the bed and banks of the channel; for removing sediment deposits