

bursed by payments from the agencies employing such judges to the revolving fund established under section 1304(e)), to the heads of agencies in the executive branch and other agencies employing persons in the competitive service.

(b)(1) The Office shall establish standards which shall apply to the activities of the Office or any other agency under authority delegated under subsection (a) of this section.

(2) The Office shall establish and maintain an oversight program to ensure that activities under any authority delegated under subsection (a) of this section are in accordance with the merit system principles and the standards established under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(3) Nothing in subsection (a) of this section shall be construed as affecting the responsibility of the Director to prescribe regulations and to ensure compliance with the civil service laws, rules, and regulations.

(4) At the request of the head of an agency to whom a function has been delegated under subsection (a)(2), the Office may provide assistance to the agency in performing such function. Such assistance shall, to the extent determined appropriate by the Director of the Office, be performed on a reimbursable basis through the revolving fund established under section 1304(e).

(c) If the Office makes a written finding, on the basis of information obtained under the program established under subsection (b)(2) of this section or otherwise, that any action taken by an agency pursuant to authority delegated under subsection (a)(2) of this section is contrary to any law, rule, or regulation, or is contrary to any standard established under subsection (b)(1) of this section, the agency involved shall take any corrective action the Office may require.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 399; Pub. L. 90-83, §1(2), Sept. 11, 1967, 81 Stat. 195; Pub. L. 95-454, title II, §201(a), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1120; Pub. L. 104-52, title IV, §1, Nov. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 489.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES 1966 ACT

<i>Derivation</i>	<i>U.S. Code</i>	<i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>
.....	[Uncodified].	1949 Reorg. Plan No. 5, §2(a) (less 35th through 46th words), (b), eff. Aug. 20, 1949, 63 Stat. 1067.
.....	5 U.S.C. 3013(a) (1st sentence, less 10th through 24th words).	Sept. 28, 1959, Pub. L. 86-382, §14(a) (1st sentence, less 10th through 24th words), 73 Stat. 716.

In the first sentence, the word “officers” is omitted as included in “employees”.

Subsection (a)(1) is added on authority of the words “to secure accuracy, uniformity, and justice in all their proceedings” in the first sentence of former section 635, which is carried into section 1105. The function in this paragraph was transferred from the chief examiner to the Chairman of the United States Civil Service Commission by 1949 Reorg. Plan No. 5, §2(a)(2).

In subsection (a)(4), the words “requests for appropriations” are substituted for “budget estimates” on authority of the Act of Sept. 12, 1950, ch. 946, §102(f), 64 Stat. 833; 31 U.S.C. 22.

In subsection (b)(2), the word “prescription” is substituted for “promulgation” and the words “now vested in the Commission” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (b)(4), the words “as is now authorized to be taken by the Commission” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (b)(5), the words “civil service” are substituted for “Federal service”.

In subsection (b)(7), the words “submission of requests for appropriations” are substituted for “revision and submission . . . of budget estimates” on authority of the Act of Sept. 12, 1950, ch. 946, §102(f), 64 Stat. 833; 31 U.S.C. 22.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

#### 1967 ACT

<i>Section of title 5</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
1104(a)(6) ...	5:8713(a). [Uncodified].	[None.] 1965 Reorg. Plan No. 4, §§11(a), (e) (as applicable to (a)), 12 (as applicable to §11(a)), 13 (as applicable to §11(a)), eff. July 27, 1965, 79 Stat. 1322.

The paragraph added by this section is based on 5 U.S.C. 8713(a), and is restated to reflect the effect of sections 11-13 of 1965 Reorganization Plan No. 4, effective July 27, 1965.

#### AMENDMENTS

1995—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-52, §1(1)(B), struck out closing provisions which read as follows: “except that the Director may not delegate authority for competitive examinations with respect to positions that have requirements which are common to agencies in the Federal Government, other than in exceptional cases in which the interests of economy and efficiency require such delegation and in which such delegation will not weaken the application of the merit system principles.”

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 104-52, §1(1)(A), inserted “, the cost of which examinations shall be reimbursed by payments from the agencies employing such judges to the revolving fund established under section 1304(e)” after “title” and substituted period for semicolon at end.

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 104-52, §1(2), added par. (4).

1978—Pub. L. 95-454 substituted “Delegation of authority for personnel management” for “Functions of Chairman” in section catchline, and in text provisions relating to the delegation of authority for personnel management for provisions relating to functions of the Chairman of the United States Civil Service Commission.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-454 effective 90 days after Oct. 13, 1978, see section 907 of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as a note under section 1101 of this title.

### § 1105. Administrative procedure

Subject to section 1103(b) of this title, in the exercise of the functions assigned under this chapter, the Director shall be subject to subsections (b), (c), and (d) of section 553 of this title, notwithstanding subsection (a) of such section 553.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 400; Pub. L. 95-454, title II, §201(a), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1121.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Derivation</i>	<i>U.S. Code</i>	<i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>
.....	5 U.S.C. 635 (less last 24 words of 6th sentence, and less 7th sentence).	Jan. 16, 1883, ch. 27, § 3 (less last 24 words of 6th sentence, and less 7th sentence), 22 Stat. 404.
.....	[Uncodified].	1949 Reorg. Plan No. 5, § 4, eff. Aug. 19, 1949, 63 Stat. 1069.

In subsection (a), the words “the District of Columbia” are substituted for “Washington”. The words “at least three individuals in the service of the United States” are substituted for a “a suitable number of persons, not less than three, in the official service of the United States”. So much of the first three sentences of former section 635 as related to the offices of the Chief Examiner and the Secretary are omitted because the offices were abolished by 1949 Reorg. Plan No. 5, § 4. So much of the first sentence as imposed a duty on the Chief Examiner, under the Commission’s direction, to act with the examining boards to secure accuracy, uniformity, and justice in all their proceedings is restated in section 1104(a)(1). The fourth sentence of former section 635, authorizing the Commission to employ a stenographer and a messenger, is omitted as obsolete. The remainder is rewritten for clarity. The text of 1949 Reorg. Plan No. 5, § 4, is omitted as executed.

In subsection (b), the words “Chairman, United States Civil Service Commission” are substituted for “chief examiner” on authority of 1949 Reorg. Plan No. 5, § 2(a)(2). The words “at all times” are omitted as surplusage.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-454 substituted “Administrative procedure” for “Boards of examiners” in section catchline, and in text provisions relating to administrative procedure applicable to administration of this chapter for provisions relating to boards of examiners for the United States Civil Service Commission.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-454 effective 90 days after Oct. 13, 1978, see section 907 of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as a note under section 1101 of this title.

**CHAPTER 12—MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD, OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, AND EMPLOYEE RIGHT OF ACTION**

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<sup>1</sup> So in original. Does not conform to section catchline.

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AMENDMENTS

1989—Pub. L. 101-12, § 3(b)(2), (3), Apr. 10, 1989, 103 Stat. 31, substituted “, OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, AND EMPLOYEE RIGHT OF ACTION” for “AND SPECIAL COUNSEL” in chapter heading, and amended chapter analysis generally, inserting subchapter I heading, and in item 1204 substituting “Powers and functions of the Merit Systems Protection Board” for “Special Counsel; appointment and removal”, in item 1205 substituting “Transmittal of information to Congress” for “Powers and functions of the Merit Systems Protection Board and Special Counsel”, in item 1206 substituting “Annual report” for “Authority and responsibilities of the Special Counsel”, omitting items 1207 “Hearings and decisions on complaints filed by the Special Counsel”, 1208 “Stays of certain personnel actions”, and 1209 “Information”, and inserting subchapters II and III headings and items 1211 to 1219, 1221, and 1222.

**SUBCHAPTER I—MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD**

AMENDMENTS

1989—Pub. L. 101-12, § 3(b)(4), Apr. 10, 1989, 103 Stat. 31, inserted subchapter heading.

**§ 1201. Appointment of members of the Merit Systems Protection Board**

The Merit Systems Protection Board is composed of 3 members appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, not more than 2 of whom may be adherents of the same political party. The members of the Board shall be individuals who, by demonstrated ability, background, training, or experience are especially qualified to carry out the functions of the Board. No member of the Board may hold another office or position in the Government of the United States, except as otherwise provided by law or at the direction of the President. The Board shall have an official seal which shall be judicially noticed. The Board shall have its principal office in the District of Columbia and may have field offices in other appropriate locations.

(Added Pub. L. 95-454, title II, § 202(a), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1121; amended Pub. L. 101-12, § 3(a)(1), Apr. 10, 1989, 103 Stat. 16.)

AMENDMENTS

1989—Pub. L. 101-12 substituted “The members” for “The Chairman and members” in second sentence.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1989 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101-12, § 11, Apr. 10, 1989, 103 Stat. 35, provided that: “This Act and the amendments made by this Act [see Short Title of 1989 Amendment note below] shall take effect 90 days following the date of enactment of this Act [Apr. 10, 1989].”

EFFECTIVE DATE

Subchapter effective 90 days after Oct. 13, 1978, see section 907 of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as an Effective