

“(1) information on the products, tourism, and cultural and educational facilities of each State;

“(2) information on the potential for trade with each State; and

“(3) discussions with State officials with respect to the matters described in paragraphs (1) and (2).

“(b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 21, 1998], the Broadcasting Board of Governors of the United States Information Agency shall submit a report to Congress detailing the actions that have been taken to carry out subsection (a).

“(c) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘State’ means any of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any commonwealth or territory of the United States.”

§ 6203. Establishment of the Chief Executive Officer of the Broadcasting Board of Governors

(a) Continued existence within Executive branch

The Broadcasting Board of Governors shall continue to exist within the Executive branch of Government as an entity described in section 104 of title 5.

(b) Chief Executive Officer

(1) In general

The head of the Broadcasting Board of Governors shall be a Chief Executive Officer, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, until such time as a Chief Executive Officer is appointed and has qualified, the current or acting Chief Executive Officer appointed by the Board may continue to serve and exercise the authorities and powers under this chapter.

(2) Term

The first Chief Executive Officer appointed pursuant to paragraph (1) shall serve for an initial term of three years.

(3) Compensation

A Chief Executive Officer appointed pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be compensated at the annual rate of basic pay for level III of the Executive Schedule under section 5314 of title 5.

(c) Termination of Director of International Broadcasting Bureau

Effective on December 23, 2016, the position of the Director of the International Broadcasting Bureau shall be terminated, and all of the responsibilities, offices, authorities, and immunities of the Director or the Board under this chapter or any other Act or authority before such date shall be transferred or available to, assumed by, or overseen by the Chief Executive Officer, as head of the Board.

(d) Immunity from civil liability

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all limitations on liability that apply to the Chief Executive Officer shall also apply to members of the boards of directors of RFE/RL, Inc., Radio Free Asia, the Middle East Broadcasting Networks, or any organization that consolidates such entities when such members are acting in their official capacities.

(Pub. L. 103-236, title III, §304, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 434; Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title

XIII, §§1322, 1323(b), (c), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-777, 2681-778; Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, §1000(a)(7) [div. A, title V, §§502, 504], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1536, 1501A-451; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title XII, §1288(1), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2548.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsecs. (b)(1) and (c), was in the original a reference to this Act, and was translated as referring to this title, meaning title III of Pub. L. 103-236, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 432, known as the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994, which is classified principally to this chapter, to reflect the probable intent of Congress. For complete classification of title III to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6201 of this title and Tables.

December 23, 2016, and such date, referred to in subsec. (c), were in the original “the date of the enactment of this section” and “such date of enactment”, respectively, and were translated as meaning the date of enactment of Pub. L. 114-328, which amended this section generally, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

AMENDMENTS

2016—Pub. L. 114-328 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section related to the continued existence within the Executive branch, retention of existing Board members, Inspector General authorities, composition, term, selection, compensation, decisions, and immunity from civil liability of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

1999—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 106-113, §1000(a)(7) [div. A, title V, §502(2)], which directed amendment of par. (2) by inserting “, subject to the advice and consent of the Senate” at end, was executed by making the insertion before period at end, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Pub. L. 106-113, §1000(a)(7) [div. A, title V, §502(1)], substituted “appoint” for “designate”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 106-113, §1000(a)(7) [div. A, title V, §504], added subsec. (g).

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-277, §1322, amended heading and text of subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “There is hereby established within the United States Information Agency a Broadcasting Board of Governors (hereafter in this chapter referred to as the ‘Board’).”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-277, §1323(b), substituted “Secretary of State” for “Director of the United States Information Agency” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-277, §1323(b), (c), in first sentence, substituted “Secretary of State” for “Director of the United States Information Agency”, and in last sentence, substituted “no Secretary of State” for “no Director of the United States Information Agency” and “Acting Secretary of State” for “acting Director of the agency”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 105-277, §1323(b), substituted “Secretary of State” for “Director of the United States Information Agency”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-277 effective Oct. 1, 1999, see section 1301 of Pub. L. 105-277, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6531 of this title.

§ 6204. Authorities of Chief Executive Officer

(a) Authorities

The Chief Executive Officer shall have the following authorities:

- (1) To direct and supervise all broadcasting activities conducted pursuant to this chapter, the Radio Broadcasting to Cuba Act [22 U.S.C. 1465 et seq.],¹ the Television Broadcasting to

¹ So in original.