

Internet Web sites, that will aid the ability of the Iranian people to—

- “(1) gain access to and share information;
- “(2) exercise freedom of speech, freedom of expression, and freedom of assembly through the Internet and other electronic media;
- “(3) engage in Internet-based education programs and other exchanges between Americans and Iranians; and
- “(4) counter efforts—
 - “(A) to block, censor, and monitor the Internet; and
 - “(B) to disrupt or monitor cellular phone networks or SMS text exchanges.

“(d) USE OF AMOUNTS.—In pursuit of the objective described in subsection (c), amounts in the Fund may be used for grants to United States or foreign universities, nonprofit organizations, or companies for targeted projects that advance the purpose of the Fund, including projects that—

- “(1) develop Farsi-language versions of existing social-networking Web sites;
- “(2) develop technologies, including Internet-based applications, to counter efforts—
 - “(A) to block, censor, and monitor the Internet; and
 - “(B) to disrupt or monitor cellular phone networks or SMS text message exchanges;
- “(3) develop Internet-based, distance learning programs for Iranian students at United States universities; and
- “(4) promote Internet-based, people-to-people educational, professional, religious, or cultural exchanges and dialogues between United States citizens and Iranians.

“(e) TRANSFERS.—Amounts in the Fund may be transferred to the United States Agency for International Development, the Broadcasting Board of Governors, or any other agency of the Federal Government to the extent that such amounts are used to carry out activities that will further the objective described in subsection (c).

“(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000 to the Fund.”

BUYING POWER MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

Pub. L. 110-252, title I, §1408(c), June 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2342, provided that: “The Broadcasting Board of Governors may transfer funds into its Buying Power Maintenance Account, notwithstanding the requirement that such funds be provided in advance in appropriations Acts. The authority in this subsection may be exercised only with respect to funds appropriated or otherwise made available after fiscal year 2008.”

PILOT PROJECT FOR TRANSCRIPTION OF CERTAIN PROGRAMMING INTO ENGLISH

Pub. L. 110-53, title XX, §2032, Aug. 3, 2007, 121 Stat. 516, provided that:

“(a) TRANSCRIPTION OF PERSIAN AND ARABIC LANGUAGE BROADCASTS.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 3, 2007], the Broadcasting Board of Governors shall initiate a pilot project to transcribe into the English language news and information programming broadcast by Radio Farda, Radio Sawa, the Persian Service of the Voice of America, and Alhurra.

“(b) RANDOM SAMPLING; PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The transcription required under subsection (a) shall consist of a random sampling of such programming. The transcripts shall be available to Congress and the public on the Internet site of the Board.

“(c) REPORT.—Not later than May 1, 2008, the Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report on the feasibility and utility of continuing the pilot project required under subsection (a).

“(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the ‘International Broadcasting Operations’ account of the Broadcasting Board of Governors \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2008 to carry out the pilot project required under subsection (a).”

§ 6205. Establishment of the International Broadcasting Advisory Board

(a) In general

Except as provided in subsection (b)(2), the International Broadcasting Advisory Board (referred to in this section as the “Advisory Board”) shall consist of five members, including the Secretary of State, appointed by the President and in accordance with subsection (d), to advise the Chief Executive Officer of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, as appropriate.

(b) Retention of existing BBG Board Members

(1) In general

The presidentially appointed and Senate-confirmed members of the Board of the Broadcasting Board of Governors who are serving on unexpired terms as of December 23, 2016, shall—

(A) constitute the first Advisory Board; and

(B) hold office for the remainder of their original terms of office without reappointment to the Advisory Board.

(2) Effect of additional members

If, on December 23, 2016, more than five members described in subsection (a) are serving their original terms of office on the Broadcasting Board of Governors, each such member may serve on the Advisory Board for a period equal to the time remaining on each such member’s respective term without reappointment.

(c) Terms of office

(1) In general

Except as provided in paragraph (2), the term of office of each member of the Advisory Board appointed pursuant to subsection (a) shall be three years.

(2) Vacancies

If a vacancy on the Advisory Board occurs before the expiration of the term of the member who created such vacancy—

(A) the President shall appoint a new member to fill such vacancy in accordance with subsection (d); and

(B) the member appointed pursuant to such subsection shall serve for the remainder of such term.

(3) Service beyond term prohibited

Members may not serve beyond the term for which they were appointed.

(d) Selection of the Board

In identifying individuals for appointment to the Advisory Board under subsection (a), the President shall appoint United States citizens—

(1) who, with the exception of the Secretary of State, are not regular, full-time employees of the United States Government; and

(2) distinguished in the fields of public diplomacy, mass communications, print, broadcast or digital media, or foreign affairs, of whom—

(A) one individual should be appointed from among a list of at least three individuals submitted by the Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives;

(B) one individual should be appointed from among a list of at least three individuals submitted by the Ranking Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives;

(C) one individual should be appointed from among a list of at least three individuals submitted by the Chair of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

(D) one individual should be appointed from among a list of at least three individuals submitted by the Ranking Member of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

(e) Functions of the Board

The members of the Advisory Board shall perform the following advisory functions:

(1) To provide the Chief Executive Officer of the Broadcasting Board of Governors with counsel and recommendations for improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the agency and its programming.

(2) To meet with the Chief Executive Officer at least twice annually and at additional meetings at the request of the Chief Executive Officer.

(3) To report periodically or upon request to the congressional committees specified in subsection (d)(2) regarding its counsel and recommendations for improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the Broadcasting Board of Governors and its programming.

(4) To obtain information from the Chief Executive Officer, as needed, for the purposes of fulfilling the functions described in this subsection.

(f) Compensation

Members of the Advisory Board, including the Secretary of State, may not receive any fee, salary, or remuneration of any kind for their service as members.

(Pub. L. 103-236, title III, § 306, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 436; Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XIII, § 1323(j), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-780; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title XII, § 1288(3), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2551.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

December 23, 2016, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original “the date of the enactment of this section”, which was 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 role of the Secretary of State in international broadcasting.

1998—Pub. L. 105-277, § 1323(j)(1), substituted “Role of Secretary of State” for “Foreign policy guidance” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-277, § 1323(j)(2)–(4), designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, substituted “State” for “State, acting through the Director of the United States Information Agency,” and inserted before period at end “, as the Secretary may deem appropriate”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-277, § 1323(j)(5), added subsec. (b).

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.

§ 6206. Repealed. Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title XII, § 1288(4), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2552

Section, Pub. L. 103-236, title III, § 307, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 436; Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XIII, § 1323(k), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-780, related to the International Broadcasting Bureau.

PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTING PILOT PROGRAM

Pub. L. 107-228, div. A, title V, § 504, Sept. 30, 2002, 116 Stat. 1393, as amended by Pub. L. 109-140, § 6, Dec. 22, 2005, 119 Stat. 2652; Pub. L. 109-472, § 9, Jan. 11, 2007, 120 Stat. 3556; Pub. L. 110-161, div. J, title VI, § 634(r), Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2330; Pub. L. 110-321, § 5, Sept. 19, 2008, 122 Stat. 3536, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the International Broadcasting Bureau (in this section referred to as the ‘Director’) may establish a pilot program (in this section referred to as the ‘program’) for the purpose of hiring United States citizens or aliens as personal services contractors, without regard to Civil Service and classification laws, for service in the United States as broadcasters and other broadcasting specialists in the International Broadcasting Bureau to respond to new or emerging broadcast needs or to augment broadcast services.

“(b) CONDITIONS.—The Director is authorized to use the authority of subsection (a) subject to the following conditions:

“(1) The Director determines that existing personnel resources are insufficient and the need is not of permanent duration.

“(2) The Director approves each employment of a personal services contractor.

“(3) The contract length, including options, may not exceed 2 years, unless the Director makes a finding that exceptional circumstances justify an extension of up to one additional year.

“(4) Not more than a total of 60 United States citizens or aliens are employed at any one time as personal services contractors under the program.

“(c) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority to award personal services contracts under the pilot program authorized by this section shall terminate on December 31, 2009. A contract entered into prior to the termination date under this subsection may remain in effect for a period not to exceed 6 months after such termination date.”

[Pub. L. 114-113, div. K, title I, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2712, provided in part: “That the authority provided by section 504(c) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107-228; 22 U.S.C. 6206 note) shall remain in effect through September 30, 2016”.]

[Pub. L. 113-235, div. J, title I, Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2580, provided in part: “That the authority provided by section 504(c) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107-228; 22 U.S.C. 6206 note) shall remain in effect through September 30, 2015”.]

[Pub. L. 113-76, div. K, title I, Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 471, provided in part: “That the authority provided by section 504(c) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107-228; 22 U.S.C. 6206 note) shall remain in effect through September 30, 2014”.]

[Pub. L. 112-74, div. I, title I, Dec. 23, 2011, 125 Stat. 1171, provided in part: “That the authority provided by section 504(c) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107-228; 22 U.S.C. 6206 note) shall remain in effect through September 30, 2012”.]