

(Added Pub. L. 97-248, title III, §321(a), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 612; amended Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title I, §143(b), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 682; Pub. L. 108-357, title VIII, §820(a), (b)(1), Oct. 22, 2004, 118 Stat. 1585.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7408 was renumbered section 7410 of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108-357, §820(b)(1), amended section catchline generally, substituting “Actions to enjoin specified conduct related to tax shelters and reportable transactions” for “Action to enjoin promoters of abusive tax shelters, etc.”

Subsecs. (a) to (d). Pub. L. 108-357, §820(a), added subsecs. (a) to (c), redesignated former subsec. (c) as (d), and struck out former subsecs. (a) and (b), which authorized a civil action to enjoin any person from further engaging in conduct subject to penalty under section 6700 or 6701 of this title and authorized the court, if it found that the person had engaged in such conduct and that injunctive relief was appropriate, to enjoin such person from engaging in such conduct or in any other activity subject to penalty under section 6700 or 6701.

1984—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 98-369, §143(b)(1), (2), inserted “or section 6701 (relating to penalties for aiding and abetting understatement of tax liability)” and inserted reference to section 6701 at end of second sentence.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 98-369, §143(b)(1), (3), inserted “or section 6701 (relating to penalties for aiding and abetting understatement of tax liability),” in par. (1) and inserted reference to section 6701 at end.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-357, title VIII, §820(c), Oct. 22, 2004, 118 Stat. 1585, provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect on the day after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 22, 2004].”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-369 effective on day after July 18, 1984, see section 143(c) of Pub. L. 98-369, set out as a note under section 6700 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 97-248, title III, §321(c), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 612, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section] shall take effect on the day after the date of the enactment of this Act [Sept. 3, 1982].”

### § 7409. Action to enjoin flagrant political expenditures of section 501(c)(3) organizations

#### (a) Authority to seek injunction

##### (1) In general

If the requirements of paragraph (2) are met, a civil action in the name of the United States may be commenced at the request of the Secretary to enjoin any section 501(c)(3) organization from further making political expenditures and for such other relief as may be appropriate to ensure that the assets of such organization are preserved for charitable or other purposes specified in section 501(c)(3). Any action under this section shall be brought in the district court of the United States for the district in which such organization has its principal place of business or for any district in which it has made political expenditures.

The court may exercise its jurisdiction over such action (as provided in section 7402(a)) separate and apart from any other action brought by the United States against such organization.

#### (2) Requirements

An action may be brought under subsection (a) only if—

(A) the Internal Revenue Service has notified the organization of its intention to seek an injunction under this section if the making of political expenditures does not immediately cease, and

(B) the Commissioner of Internal Revenue has personally determined that—

(i) such organization has flagrantly participated in, or intervened in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office, and

(ii) injunctive relief is appropriate to prevent future political expenditures.

#### (b) Adjudication and decree

In any action under subsection (a), if the court finds on the basis of clear and convincing evidence that—

(1) such organization has flagrantly participated in, or intervened in (including the publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office, and

(2) injunctive relief is appropriate to prevent future political expenditures,

the court may enjoin such organization from making political expenditures and may grant such other relief as may be appropriate to ensure that the assets of such organization are preserved for charitable or other purposes specified in section 501(c)(3).

#### (c) Definitions

For purposes of this section, the terms “section 501(c)(3) organization” and “political expenditures” have the respective meanings given to such terms by section 4955.

(Added Pub. L. 100-203, title X, §10713(a)(1), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-468.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7409 was renumbered section 7410 of this title.

### § 7410. Cross references

(1) For provisions for collecting taxes in general, see chapter 64.

(2) For venue in a civil action for the collection of any tax, see section 1396 of Title 28 of the United States Code.

(3) For venue of a proceeding for the recovery of any fine, penalty, or forfeiture, see section 1395 of Title 28 of the United States Code.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 875, §7407; renumbered §7408, Pub. L. 94-455, title XII, §1203(g), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1693; renumbered §7409, Pub. L. 97-248, title III, §321(a), Sept. 3, 1982, 96 Stat. 612; renumbered §7410, Pub. L. 100-203, title X, §10713(a)(1), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-468.)