

(Pub. L. 98-183, §6, Nov. 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 1305; Pub. L. 102-167, §5, Nov. 26, 1991, 105 Stat. 1101; Pub. L. 103-419, §2, Oct. 25, 1994, 108 Stat. 4342.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1975d, Pub. L. 85-315, pt. I, §105, Sept. 9, 1957, 71 Stat. 636; Pub. L. 86-449, title IV, §401, May 6, 1960, 74 Stat. 89; Pub. L. 88-352, title V, §§505-507, July 2, 1964, 78 Stat. 251, 252; Pub. L. 91-521, §2, Nov. 25, 1970, 84 Stat. 1356; Pub. L. 92-496, §5, Oct. 14, 1972, 86 Stat. 814; Pub. L. 95-444, §§4-6, Oct. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 1067, 1068, related to powers of Commission. See Codification note set out preceding section 1975 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-419 amended section generally, substituting provisions terminating this chapter Sept. 30, 1996, for provisions relating to powers of Commission.

1991—Subsec. (f), Pub. L. 102-167 substituted "Chairperson" for "Chairman" in two places.

§§ 1975e, 1975f. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Sections 1975e and 1975f were omitted in the general amendment of this chapter by Pub. L. 103-419.

Section 1975e, Pub. L. 98-183, §7, Nov. 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 1307; Pub. L. 101-180, §2(1), Nov. 28, 1989, 103 Stat. 1325; Pub. L. 102-167, §3, Nov. 26, 1991, 105 Stat. 1101; Pub. L. 102-400, §2, Oct. 7, 1992, 106 Stat. 1955, authorized appropriations to carry out this chapter. See section 1975c of this title.

A prior section 1975e, Pub. L. 85-315, pt. I, §106, Sept. 9, 1957, 71 Stat. 636; Pub. L. 90-198, §2, Dec. 14, 1967, 81 Stat. 582; Pub. L. 91-521, §3, Nov. 25, 1970, 84 Stat. 1356; Pub. L. 92-64, Aug. 4, 1971, 85 Stat. 166; Pub. L. 92-496, §6, Oct. 14, 1972, 86 Stat. 814; Pub. L. 94-292, §2, May 27, 1976, 90 Stat. 524; Pub. L. 95-132, §2, Oct. 13, 1977, 91 Stat. 1157; Pub. L. 95-444, §7, Oct. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 1068; Pub. L. 96-81, §3, Oct. 6, 1979, 93 Stat. 642; Pub. L. 96-447, §2, Oct. 13, 1980, 94 Stat. 1894, related to authorization of appropriations for this chapter. See Codification note set out preceding section 1975 of this title.

Section 1975f, Pub. L. 98-183, §8, Nov. 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 1307; Pub. L. 101-180, §2(2), Nov. 28, 1989, 103 Stat. 1325; Pub. L. 102-167, §4, Nov. 26, 1991, 105 Stat. 1101, provided termination date for this chapter. See section 1975d of this title.

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SUBCHAPTER I—GENERALLY

§ 1981. Equal rights under the law

(a) Statement of equal rights

All persons within the jurisdiction of the United States shall have the same right in every State and Territory to make and enforce contracts, to sue, be parties, give evidence, and to the full and equal benefit of all laws and proceedings for the security of persons and property as is enjoyed by white citizens, and shall be subject to like punishment, pains, penalties, taxes, licenses, and exactions of every kind, and to no other.

(b) "Make and enforce contracts" defined

For purposes of this section, the term "make and enforce contracts" includes the making, performance, modification, and termination of contracts, and the enjoyment of all benefits, privileges, terms, and conditions of the contractual relationship.

(c) Protection against impairment

The rights protected by this section are protected against impairment by nongovernmental discrimination and impairment under color of State law.

(R.S. § 1977; Pub. L. 102-166, title I, §101, Nov. 21, 1991, 105 Stat. 1071.)

CODIFICATION

R.S. §1977 derived from act May 31, 1870, ch. 114, §16, 16 Stat. 144.

Section was formerly classified to section 41 of Title 8, Aliens and Nationality.

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-166 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsecs. (b) and (c).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1991 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 102-166, title IV, §402, Nov. 21, 1991, 105 Stat. 1099, provided that: