- "(2) The Defense Intelligence Agency.
- "(3) The National Reconnaissance Office.
- "(4) The Central Imagery Office.
- "(5) The intelligence components of any of the military departments."

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-177, title III, §361(n), Dec. 13, 2003, 117 Stat. 2626, provided that: "The amendments made by this section [amending this section, section 1681b of Title 15, Commerce and Trade, and sections 2366, 3038, 3047, 3050, 3106, and 3381 of Title 50, War and National Defense, repealing section 540C of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure, and repealing provisions set out as notes under sections 3036 and 3381 of Title 50] shall take effect on December 31, 2003."

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-201 effective Oct. 1, 1996, see section 1635 of Pub. L. 104-201, set out as a note under section 1593 of this title.

# § 1612. Merit system principles and civil service protections: applicability

- (a) APPLICABILITY OF MERIT SYSTEM PRINCIPLES.—Section 2301 of title 5 shall apply to the exercise of authority under this subchapter (other than sections 1605 and 1611).
- (b) CIVIL SERVICE PROTECTIONS.—(1) If, in the case of a position established under authority other than section 1601(a)(1) of this title that is reestablished as an excepted service position under that section, the provisions of law referred to in paragraph (2) applied to the person serving in that position immediately before the position is so reestablished and such provisions of law would not otherwise apply to the person while serving in the position as so reestablished, then such provisions of law shall, subject to paragraph (3), continue to apply to the person with respect to service in that position for as long as the person continues to serve in the position without a break in service.
- (2) The provisions of law referred to in paragraph (1) are the following provisions of title 5:
- (A) Section 2302, relating to prohibited personnel practices.
  - (B) Chapter 75, relating to adverse actions.
- (3)(A) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 75 of title 5, an appeal of an adverse action by an individual employee covered by paragraph (1) shall be determined within the Department of Defense if the employee so elects.
- (B) The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe the procedures for initiating and determining appeals of adverse actions pursuant to elections made under subparagraph (A).
- (Added Pub. L. 104–201, div. A, title XVI, §1632(d), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2750.)

# EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1996, see section 1635 of Pub. L. 104–201, set out as an Effective Date of 1996 Amendment note under section 1593 of this title.

# § 1613. Miscellaneous provisions

(a) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.—Nothing in sections 1601 through 1603 and 1606 through 1610 may be construed to impair the continued effectiveness of a collective bargaining agreement with respect to an agency or office that is a successor to an agency or office covered by the agreement before the succession.

(b) Notice to Congress of Regulations.—The Secretary of Defense shall notify Congress of any regulations prescribed to carry out this subchapter (other than sections 1605 and 1611). Such notice shall be provided by submitting a copy of the regulations to the congressional oversight committees not less than 60 days before such regulations take effect.

(Added Pub. L. 104–201, div. A, title XVI, §1632(d), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2750; amended Pub. L. 105–85, div. A, title X, §1073(a)(32), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1902.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1997—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105–85 substituted ''1603'' for ''1604''.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1996, see section 1635 of Pub. L. 104–201, set out as an Effective Date of 1996 Amendment note under section 1593 of this title.

## § 1614. Definitions

In this subchapter:

- (1) The term "defense intelligence position" means a civilian position as an intelligence officer or intelligence employee of the Department of Defense.
- (2) The term "intelligence component of the Department of Defense" means any of the following:
  - (A) The National Security Agency.
  - (B) The Defense Intelligence Agency.
  - (C) The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.
- (D) Any other component of the Department of Defense that performs intelligence functions and is designated by the Secretary of Defense as an intelligence component of the Department of Defense.
- (E) Any successor to a component specified in, or designated pursuant to, this paragraph.
- (3) The term "congressional oversight committees" means—
- (A) the Committee on Armed Services and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and
- (B) the Committee on Armed Services and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.
- (4) The term "excepted service" has the meaning given such term in section 2103 of title 5.
- (5) The term "preference eligible" has the meaning given such term in section 2108(3) of title 5.
- (6) The term "Senior Executive Service position" has the meaning given such term in section 3132(a)(2) of title 5.
- (7) The term "collective bargaining agreement" has the meaning given such term in section 7103(8) of title 5.

(Added Pub. L. 104–201, div. A, title XVI, §1632(d), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2750; amended Pub. L. 106–65, div. A, title X, §1067(1), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 774; Pub. L. 106–398, §1 [[div. A], title XI, §1141(c)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A–319; Pub. L. 108–136, div. A, title IX, §921(d)(7), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1569.)