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**§ 21301. Organization**

American Historical Association (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a body corporate and politic in the District of Columbia.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1294.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
21301 .....	36:20 (1st sentence words before “for the promotion”).	Jan. 4, 1889, ch. 20, (1st sentence words before “for the promotion”), 25 Stat. 640.

This section is substituted for the source provisions for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate executed and unnecessary words.

**§ 21302. Purposes**

The purposes of the corporation are—

- (1) to promote historical studies;
- (2) to collect and preserve historical manuscripts; and
- (3) other kindred purposes in the interest of American history and of history in America.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
21302 .....	36:20 (1st sentence words beginning with “for the promotion”).	Jan. 4, 1889, ch. 20, (1st sentence words beginning with “for the promotion”), 25 Stat. 640.

**§ 21303. Powers**

The corporation may—

- (1) adopt a constitution and bylaws; and
- (2) hold property in the District of Columbia necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
21303 .....	36:20 (2d sentence).	Jan. 4, 1889, ch. 20, (2d sentence), 25 Stat. 640; July 3, 1957, Pub. L. 85–83, §1, 71 Stat. 276.

In clause (1), the words “not inconsistent with law” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (2), the word “property” is substituted for “real and personal estate”, and the word “necessary” is substituted for “so far only as may be necessary”, to eliminate unnecessary words. The words “to carry out the purposes of the corporation” are substituted for “to its lawful ends” for consistency in the revised title.

TAX EXEMPTION OF REAL PROPERTY

Pub. L. 85–83, §2, July 3, 1957, 71 Stat. 277, provided that: “The real property situated in Square 817, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, described as lot 23, owned, occupied, and used by the American Historical Association, is exempt from all taxation so long as the same is so owned and occupied, and not used for commercial purposes, subject to the provisions of sec-

tions 2, 3, and 5 of the Act entitled ‘An Act to define the real property exempt from taxation in the District of Columbia’, approved December 24, 1942 (56 Stat. 1089; D.C. Code, secs. 47–801b, 47–801c, and 47–801e).”

**§ 21304. Annual meeting**

The corporation may hold its annual meeting in a place the members of the corporation select.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
21304 .....	36:20 (3d sentence words after 2d comma).	Jan. 4, 1889, ch. 20, (3d sentence words after 2d comma), 25 Stat. 640.

The words “members of the corporation” are substituted for “said incorporators” to reflect the probable intent.

**§ 21305. Principal office**

The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
21305 .....	36:20 (3d sentence words before 2d comma).	Jan. 4, 1889, ch. 20, (3d sentence words before 2d comma), 25 Stat. 640.

**§ 21306. Historical collections**

The Regents of the Smithsonian Institution may allow the corporation to deposit its collections, manuscripts, books, pamphlets, and other historical material in the Smithsonian Institution or the National Museum on conditions and under regulations the Regents prescribe.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
21306 .....	36:20 (last sentence).	Jan. 4, 1889, ch. 20, (last sentence), 25 Stat. 640.

The words “historical material” are substituted for “material for history” for clarity. The words “at their discretion” are omitted as unnecessary.

**§ 21307. Annual report**

The corporation shall submit an annual report to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution on the activities of the corporation and the condition of historical study in America. The Secretary shall submit to Congress any part of the report the Secretary decides is appropriate.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
21307 .....	36:20 (4th, 5th sentences).	Jan. 4, 1889, ch. 20, (4th, 5th sentences), 25 Stat. 640.

The word “activities” is substituted for “proceedings” for consistency in the revised title. The words