

“(2) EXCEPTION.—The amendment made by subsection (b) [amending provisions set out as a note under section 8331 of this title] shall apply with respect to any election made by a reemployed annuitant on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 8, 1988].”

#### CONSTRUCTION OF 2009 AMENDMENT

Nothing in amendment by section 1122 of Pub. L. 111-84 to be construed to authorize the waiver of the hiring preferences under chapter 33 of this title in selecting annuitants to employ in an appointive or elective position, see section 1122(c) of Pub. L. 111-84, set out as a note under section 8344 of this title.

#### ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS

Each agency in legislative branch to submit to Speaker of House of Representatives and Committee on Rules and Administration of Senate, for each calendar year, a written report on how authority made available as result of amendment by Pub. L. 102-190 was used by such agency during the period covered by such report, see section 655(d) of Pub. L. 102-190, set out as a note under section 8344 of this title.

#### § 8469. Withholding of State income taxes

(a) The Office shall, in accordance with this section, enter into an agreement with any State within 120 days of a request for agreement from the proper State official. The agreement shall provide that the Office shall withhold State income tax in the case of the monthly annuity of any annuitant who voluntarily requests, in writing, such withholding. The amounts withheld during any calendar quarter shall be held in the Fund and disbursed to the States during the month following that calendar quarter.

(b) An annuitant may have in effect at any time only one request for withholding under this section, and an annuitant may not have more than two such requests in effect during any one calendar year.

(c) Subject to subsection (b), an annuitant may change the State designated by that annuitant for purposes of having withholdings made, and may request that the withholdings be remitted in accordance with such change. An annuitant also may revoke any request of that annuitant for withholding. Any change in the State designated or revocation is effective on the first day of the month after the month in which the request or the revocation is processed by the Office, but in no event later than on the first day of the second month beginning after the day on which such request or revocation is received by the Office.

(d) This section does not give the consent of the United States to the application of a statute which imposes more burdensome requirements on the United States than on employers generally, or which subjects the United States or any annuitant to a penalty or liability because of this section. The Office may not accept pay from a State for services performed in withholding State income taxes from annuities. Any amount erroneously withheld from an annuity and paid to a State by the Office shall be repaid by the State in accordance with regulations issued by the Office.

(e) For the purpose of this section—

(1) the term “State” means a State, the District of Columbia, or any territory or possession of the United States; and

(2) the term “annuitant” includes a survivor who is receiving an annuity from the Fund.

(Added Pub. L. 99-335, title I, §101(a), June 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 576.)

#### § 8470. Exemption from legal process; recovery of payments

(a) An amount payable under subchapter II, IV, or V of this chapter is not assignable, either in law or equity, except under the provisions of section 8465 or 8467, or subject to execution, levy, attachment, garnishment or other legal process, except as otherwise may be provided by Federal laws.

(b) Recovery of payments under subchapter II, IV, or V of this chapter may not be made from an individual when, in the judgment of the Office, the individual is without fault and recovery would be against equity and good conscience. Withholding or recovery of money paid under subchapter II, IV, or V of this chapter on account of a certification or payment made by a former employee of the United States in the discharge of his official duties may be made only if the head of the agency on behalf of which the certification or payment was made certifies to the Office that the certification or payment involved fraud on the part of the former employee.

(Added Pub. L. 99-335, title I, §101(a), June 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 577.)

#### SUBCHAPTER VII—FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

#### § 8471. Definitions

For the purposes of this subchapter—

(1) the term “beneficiary” means an individual (other than a participant) entitled to payment from the Thrift Savings Fund under subchapter III of this chapter;

(2) the term “Council” means the Employee Thrift Advisory Council established under section 8473 of this title;

(3) the term “participant” means an individual for whom an account has been established under section 8439 of this title;

(4) the term “person” means an individual, partnership, joint venture, corporation, mutual company, joint-stock company, trust, estate, unincorporated organization, association, or labor organization; and

(5) the term “Thrift Savings Fund” means the Thrift Savings Fund established under section 8437 of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 99-335, title I, §101(a), June 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 577.)

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Subchapter VII effective June 6, 1986, see section 702(b)(1) of Pub. L. 99-335, set out as a note under section 8401 of this title.

#### § 8472. Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board

(a) There is established in the Executive branch of the Government a Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

(b) The Board shall be composed of—

(1) 3 members appointed by the President, of whom 1 shall be designated by the President as Chairman; and

(2) 2 members appointed by the President, of whom—

(A) 1 shall be appointed by the President after taking into consideration the recommendation made by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in consultation with the minority leader of the House of Representatives; and

(B) 1 shall be appointed by the President after taking into consideration the recommendation made by the majority leader of the Senate in consultation with the minority leader of the Senate.

(c) Except as provided in section 311 of the Federal Employees' Retirement System Act of 1986, appointments under subsection (a) shall be made by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(d) Members of the Board shall have substantial experience, training, and expertise in the management of financial investments and pension benefit plans.

(e)(1) Except as provided in section 311 of the Federal Employees' Retirement System Act of 1986, a member of the Board shall be appointed for a term of 4 years, except that of the members first appointed (other than the members appointed under such section)—

(A) the Chairman shall be appointed for a term of 4 years;

(B) the members appointed under subsection (b)(2) shall be appointed for terms of 3 years; and

(C) the remaining members shall be appointed for terms of 2 years.

(2)(A) A vacancy on the Board shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made and shall be subject to any conditions which applied with respect to the original appointment.

(B) An individual chosen to fill a vacancy shall be appointed for the unexpired term of the member replaced.

(3) The term of any member shall not expire before the date on which the member's successor takes office.

(f) The Board shall—

(1) establish policies for—

(A) the investment and management of the Thrift Savings Fund; and

(B) the administration of subchapter III of this chapter;

(2) review the performance of investments made for the Thrift Savings Fund; and

(3) review and approve the budget of the Board.

(g)(1) The Board may—

(A) adopt, alter, and use a seal;

(B) except as provided in paragraph (2), direct the Executive Director to take such action as the Board considers appropriate to carry out the provisions of this subchapter and subchapter III of this chapter and the policies of the Board;

(C) upon the concurring votes of four members, remove the Executive Director from office for good cause shown; and

(D) take such other actions as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the Board.

(2) Except in the case of investments under section 8438(c)(2)(B), the Board may not direct the Executive Director to invest or to cause to be invested any sums in the Thrift Savings Fund in a specific asset or to dispose of or cause to be disposed of any specific asset of such Fund.

(h) The members of the Board shall discharge their responsibilities solely in the interest of participants and beneficiaries under this subchapter and subchapter III of this chapter.

(i) The Board shall prepare and submit to the President, and, at the same time, to the appropriate committees of Congress, an annual budget of the expenses and other items relating to the Board which shall be included as a separate item in the budget required to be transmitted to the Congress under section 1105 of title 31.

(j) The Board may submit to the President, and, at the same time, shall submit to each House of the Congress, any legislative recommendations of the Board relating to any of its functions under this title or any other provision of law.

(Added Pub. L. 99-335, title I, §101(a), June 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 578; amended Pub. L. 99-509, title VI, §6001(e), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1931; Pub. L. 113-255, §2(c), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 2920.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 311 of the Federal Employees' Retirement System Act of 1986 [Pub. L. 99-335], referred to in subssecs. (c) and (e)(1), is set out as a note below.

#### AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (g)(2). Pub. L. 113-255 substituted “under section 8438(c)(2)(B)” for “required by section 8438 of this title to be invested in securities of the Government”.

1986—Subsecs. (i), (j). Pub. L. 99-509 added subssecs. (i) and (j).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-509 effective Jan. 1, 1987, see section 6001(f) of Pub. L. 99-509, set out as a note under section 8432 of this title.

#### INITIAL APPOINTMENTS TO FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Pub. L. 99-335, title III, §311, June 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 608, provided that:

“(a) INITIAL APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS.—Section 8472(c) of title 5, United States Code (as added by section 101(a) of this Act) shall not apply to the members of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board first appointed to such Board.

“(b) TERMS OF SERVICE.—Notwithstanding subsection (e)(1) of section 8472 of title 5, United States Code (as added by section 101(a) of this Act), the term of service of each member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board appointed pursuant to subsection (a) shall be 1 year, except that such member shall continue to serve until his successor is appointed under subsection (b) of such section 8472 and confirmed under subsection (c) of such section.”

#### AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES OF FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Pub. L. 99-335, title VII, §701, June 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 631, as amended by Pub. L. 99-500, §101(m) [title IV, §401], Oct. 18, 1986, 100 Stat. 1783-308, 1783-322, and Pub. L. 99-591, §101(m) [title IV, §401], Oct. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 3341-308, 3341-322, provided that:

“(a) TEMPORARY ALTERNATIVE FUNDING.—Notwithstanding section 8434(c)(3) [probably should be “section

8437(c)(3)"] of title 5, United States Code (as added by section 101 of this Act), the expenses incurred in the administration of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Management System under subchapter VII of chapter 84 of such title (as so added) during fiscal years 1986 and 1987 may be paid from sums appropriated pursuant to subsection (b).

"(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, for fiscal years 1986 and 1987, such sums as may be necessary to pay the expenses incurred in the administration of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Management System during such fiscal years."

#### § 8473. Employee Thrift Advisory Council

(a) The Board shall establish an Employee Thrift Advisory Council. The Council shall be composed of 15 members appointed by the Chairman of the Board in accordance with subsection (b).

(b) The Chairman shall appoint 15 members of the Council, of whom—

(1) 4 shall be appointed to represent the respective labor organizations representing (as exclusive representatives) the first, second, third, and fourth largest numbers of individuals subject to chapter 71 of this title;

(2) 2 shall be appointed to represent the respective labor organizations which have been accorded exclusive recognition under section 1203(a) of title 39 representing the largest and second largest numbers of individuals employed by the United States Postal Service;

(3) 1 shall be appointed to represent the labor organization which has been accorded exclusive recognition under section 1203(a) of title 39 representing the largest number of individuals employed by the United States Postal Service as rural letter carriers;

(4) 2 shall be appointed to represent the respective managerial organizations (other than an organization described in paragraph (5)) which consult with the United States Postal Service under section 1004(b) of title 39 and which represent the largest and second largest numbers of individuals employed by the United States Postal Service as managerial personnel;

(5) 1 shall be appointed to represent the supervisors' organization as defined in section 1004(h) of title 39;

(6) 1 shall be appointed to represent employee organizations having as a purpose promoting the interests of women in Government service;

(7) 1 shall be appointed to represent the organization representing the largest number of individuals receiving annuities under this chapter or chapter 83 of this title;

(8) 1 shall be appointed to represent the organization representing the largest number of supervisors and management officials (as defined by section 7103(a));

(9) 1 shall be appointed to represent the organization representing the largest number of members of the Senior Executive Service; and

(10) 1 shall be appointed to represent participants (under section 8440e) who are members of the uniformed services.

(c)(1) The Chairman of the Board shall designate 1 member of the Council to serve as head of the Council.

(2) A member of the Council shall be appointed for a term of 4 years.

(3)(A) A vacancy in the Council shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made and shall be subject to any conditions which applied with respect to the original appointment.

(B) An individual chosen to fill a vacancy shall be appointed for the unexpired term of the member replaced.

(C) The term of any member shall not expire before the date on which the member's successor takes office.

(d) The Council shall act by resolution of a majority of the members.

(e) The Council shall—

(1) advise the Board and the Executive Director on matters relating to—

(A) investment policies for the Thrift Savings Fund; and

(B) the administration of this subchapter and subchapter III of this chapter; and

(2) perform such other duties as the Board may direct with respect to investment funds established in accordance with subchapter III of this chapter.

(f) Section 14(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act shall not apply to the Council.

(Added Pub. L. 99-335, title I, §101(a), June 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 579; amended Pub. L. 103-89, §3(b)(1)(N), Sept. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 982; Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title VI, §661(a)(6), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 672.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 14(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act [Pub. L. 92-463], referred to in subsec. (f), is section 14(a)(2) of Pub. L. 92-463, which is set out in the Appendix to this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

1999—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-65, §661(a)(6)(A), substituted "15 members" for "14 members".

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106-65, §661(a)(6)(B)(i), substituted "15 members" for "14 members" in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(10). Pub. L. 106-65, §661(a)(6)(B)(ii)-(iv), added par. (10).

1993—Subsec. (b)(8). Pub. L. 103-89 substituted "supervisors and management officials (as defined by section 7103(a))" for "individuals subject to the Performance Management and Recognition System under chapter 54 of this title".

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1999 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 106-65 effective 180 days after Oct. 30, 2000, unless postponed, see section 663 of Pub. L. 106-65, as amended, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8440e of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-89 effective Nov. 1, 1993, see section 3(c) of Pub. L. 103-89, set out as a note under section 3372 of this title.

#### § 8474. Executive Director

(a)(1) The Board shall appoint, without regard to the provisions of law governing appointments in the competitive service, an Executive Director by action agreed to by a majority of the members of the Board.

(2) The Executive Director shall have substantial experience, training, and expertise in the