

Sections 501(a) and 502(a)(4) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, referred to in subsec. (d)(1)(D), are sections 501(a) and 502(a)(4) of Pub. L. 95-521, which are set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

## AMENDMENTS

1997—Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 105-85 added subsecs. (c) and (d).

1996—Pub. L. 104-201 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: “There shall be an Administrator of the Commission, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall hold office at the pleasure of the President.”

## SAVINGS PROVISION

Pub. L. 104-201, div. C, title XXXV, §3523(b), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2860, provided that: “Nothing in this section [amending this section] (or section 3549(3) [section 3549 of Pub. L. 104-201 did not contain a par. (3) and is not classified to the Code]) shall be considered to affect—

“(1) the tenure of the individual serving as Administrator of the Commission on the day before subsection (a) takes effect [section 3523(a) of Pub. L. 104-201, effective Sept. 23, 1996]; or

“(2) until modified under section 1103(b) of the Panama Canal Act of 1979 [subsec. (b) of this section], as amended by subsection (a), the compensation of the individual so serving.”

**§ 3614. Deputy Administrator****(a) Appointment and duties**

There shall be a Deputy Administrator of the Commission who shall be appointed by the President. The Deputy Administrator shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Board.

**(b) Compensation**

The Deputy Administrator shall be paid compensation at a rate of pay, established by the Board, which does not exceed the rate of basic pay in effect for level IV of the Executive Schedule, and, if eligible, shall be paid the overseas recruitment and retention differential provided for in section 3657 of this title.

(Pub. L. 96-70, title I, §1104, Sept. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 457; Pub. L. 101-510, div. C, title XXXV, §3505, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1846; Pub. L. 104-201, div. C, title XXXV, §3524(a), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2860.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Level IV of the Executive Schedule, referred to in subsec. (b), is set out in section 5315 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

## AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-201 struck out “and Chief Engineer” after “Deputy Administrator” in section catchline and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows:

“(a) There shall be a Deputy Administrator and a Chief Engineer of the Commission, both of whom shall be appointed by the President. The Deputy Administrator and the Chief Engineer shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the President.

“(b) The Deputy Administrator and the Chief Engineer shall each be paid compensation at a rate of pay established by the President which does not exceed the rate of basic pay in effect for grade GS-18 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5, and, if eligible, shall each be paid the overseas recruitment or re-

tion differential provided for in section 3657 of this title.”

1990—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 101-510 inserted before period at end “”, and, if eligible, shall each be paid the overseas recruitment or retention differential provided for in section 3657 of this title”.

## DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

Authority of President under this section to fix the compensation of and to define authorities and duties of Deputy Administrator delegated to Secretary of Defense, see section 1-302 of Ex. Ord. No. 12215, May 27, 1980, 45 F.R. 36044, set out as a note under section 3601 of this title.

## SAVINGS PROVISION

Pub. L. 104-201, div. C, title XXXV, §3524(b), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2861, provided that: “Nothing in this section [amending this section] shall be considered to affect—

“(1) the tenure of the individual serving as Deputy Administrator of the Commission on the day before subsection (a) takes effect [section 3524(a) of Pub. L. 104-201, effective Sept. 23, 1996]; or

“(2) until modified under section 1104(b) of the Panama Canal Act of 1979 [subsec. (b) of this section], as amended by subsection (a), the compensation of the individual so serving.”

**§ 3615. Consultative Committee****(a) Designation and coordination**

The President shall designate, and the Secretary of State shall coordinate the participation of, representatives of the United States to the Consultative Committee to be established under paragraph 7 of Article III of the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977.

**(b) Functions**

The Consultative Committee shall function as a diplomatic forum for the exchange of views between the United States and the Republic of Panama. The Committee shall advise the United States Government and the Government of the Republic of Panama on matters of policy affecting the operation of the Panama Canal. The Committee shall have no authority to direct the Commission or any other department or agency of the United States to initiate or withhold action.

(Pub. L. 96-70, title I, §1105, Sept. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 457.)

**§ 3616. Joint Commission on the Environment****(a) Establishment; composition**

The United States and the Republic of Panama, in accordance with the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977, shall establish a Joint Commission on the Environment (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “Joint Commission”) to be composed of not more than three representatives of the United States and three representatives of the Republic of Panama, or such other equivalent numbers of representatives as may be agreed upon by the Governments of the two countries. The United States members of the Joint Commission shall periodically review the implementation of the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 with respect to its impact on the environment and shall, jointly with the representatives of the Government of Panama, make recommendations to the United States Government

and the Government of the Republic of Panama with respect to ways to avoid or mitigate adverse environmental impacts resulting from actions taken pursuant to such Treaty.

**(b) Appointment; compensation and travel expenses**

Representatives of the United States on the Joint Commission shall be appointed by the President and shall serve at the pleasure of the President. Such representatives shall serve without compensation but shall be allowed travel or transportation expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with section 3617 of this title.

**(c) Protection of pay, seniority, or other rights or benefits of appointed or detailed Federal employees**

Any Federal employee subject to the civil service laws and regulations who is detailed to serve with, or appointed by, the United States representatives on the Joint Commission shall not lose any pay, seniority, or other rights or benefits by reason of such detail or appointment.

**(d) Compensation of necessary personnel**

The United States representatives on the Joint Commission may, to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in advance in appropriation Acts, appoint and fix the compensation of such personnel as the representatives of the United States on the Joint Commission may consider necessary for the participation of the United States on the Joint Commission.

**(e) Rules of procedure; establishment; approval**

The United States representatives on the Joint Commission may, in cooperation with the representatives of the Republic of Panama on the Joint Commission, establish rules of procedure to be used by the Joint Commission in conducting its affairs, subject to the approval of such rules by the Governments of the United States and the Republic of Panama.

(Pub. L. 96-70, title I, §1106, Sept. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 457.)

**§ 3617. Travel expenses**

While away from their homes, regular places of business, or official stations in performance of services under this part, members of the Board of the Commission and the representatives of the United States on the Consultative Committee referred to in section 3615 of this title and on the Joint Commission on the Environment referred to in section 3616 of this title shall be allowed travel or transportation expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Government service are allowed expenses under section 5703 of title 5.

(Pub. L. 96-70, title I, §1107, Sept. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 458.)

**§ 3618. Defense of Panama Canal**

In the event of an armed attack against the Panama Canal, or when, in the opinion of the President, conditions exist which threaten the security of the Canal, the Administrator of the

Commission shall, upon the order of the President, comply with such directives as the United States military officer charged with the protection and defense of the Panama Canal may consider necessary in the exercise of his duties.

(Pub. L. 96-70, title I, §1108, Sept. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 458.)

**§ 3619. Joint sea level canal study**

**(a) Committee; appointment of representatives**

The President shall appoint the representatives of the United States to any joint committee or body with the Republic of Panama to study the possibility of a sea level canal in the Republic of Panama pursuant to Article XII of the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977.

**(b) Transmittal of study to President of Senate and Speaker of House of Representatives**

Upon the completion of any joint study between the United States and the Republic of Panama concerning the feasibility of a sea level canal in the Republic of Panama pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article XII of the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977, the text of the study shall be transmitted by the President to the President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**(c) Congressional authorization respecting construction of sea level canal**

No construction of a sea level canal by the United States in the Republic of Panama shall be undertaken except with express congressional authorization after submission of the study by the President as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

(Pub. L. 96-70, title I, §1109, Sept. 27, 1979, 93 Stat. 459.)

**§ 3620. Authority of Ambassador; independence of Commission regarding its Panama Canal responsibilities**

**(a) Authority of Ambassador**

The United States Ambassador to the Republic of Panama shall have full responsibility for the coordination of the transfer to the Republic of Panama of those functions that are to be assumed by the Republic of Panama pursuant to the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 and related agreements.

**(b) Independence of Commission regarding its Panama Canal responsibilities**

(1) The Commission shall not be subject to the direction or supervision of the United States Chief of Mission in the Republic of Panama with respect to the responsibilities of the Commission for the operation, management, or maintenance of the Panama Canal, as established in this chapter or any other Act or in the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 and related agreements, except that the Commission shall keep the Ambassador fully and currently informed with respect to all activities and operations of the Commission.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection, section 3927 of this title shall apply with respect to the activities of the Commission.