

words “States, territories, and possessions” are substituted for “several States and Territories” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

In clause (7), the words “young men and women” are substituted for “farm boys and young men” to use gender-neutral terminology.

AMENDMENTS

2019—Pub. L. 116-7, §3(1), substituted “FFA” for “corporation” in introductory provisions.

Pars. (1), (2). Pub. L. 116-7, §3(6), added pars. (1) and (2). Former pars. (1) and (2) redesignated (7) and (8), respectively.

Pars. (3), (4). Pub. L. 116-7, §3(3), (6), added pars. (3) and (4) and struck out former pars. (3) and (4) which read as follows:

“(3) to create and nurture a love of country life by encouraging members to improve the farm home and its surroundings, to develop organized rural recreational activities, and to create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations;

“(4) to encourage the practice of thrift;”.

Par. (5). Pub. L. 116-7, §3(6), added par. (5). Former par. (5) redesignated (11).

Par. (6). Pub. L. 116-7, §3(3), (6), added par. (6) and struck out former par. (6) which read as follows: “to publish an official magazine and other publications for the members of the corporation;”.

Par. (7). Pub. L. 116-7, §3(7), struck out “composed of students and former students of vocational agriculture in public schools qualifying for Federal reimbursement under the Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act (20 U.S.C. 11-15, 16-28” before “) and associations of those chapters” and inserted “as such chapters and associations carry out agricultural education programs that are approved by States, territories, or possessions” after “United States”.

Pub. L. 116-7, §3(2), (3), redesignated par. (1) as (7) and struck out former par. (7) which related to strengthening the confidence of young men and women to encourage development of individual farming programs and promote their permanent establishment in farming.

Par. (8). Pub. L. 116-7, §3(2), (8), redesignated par. (2) as (8) and substituted “to build” for “to develop”, “and develop” for “train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism, and thereby develop”, and “assertive” for “aggressive rural and”. Former par. (8) redesignated (12).

Pars. (9), (10). Pub. L. 116-7, §3(9), added pars. (9) and (10). Former par. (9) redesignated (13).

Par. (11). Pub. L. 116-7, §3(4), (10), redesignated par. (5) as (11), substituted “to make available to State” for “to procure for and distribute to State” and “FFA” for “corporation” and inserted “, programs, services,” before “and equipment”.

Par. (12). Pub. L. 116-7, §3(5), (11), redesignated par. (8) as (12) and substituted “State boards and officials for career and technical” for “State boards for vocational”.

Par. (13). Pub. L. 116-7, §3(5), (12), redesignated par. (9) as (13) and substituted “FFA” for “corporation”.

§ 70903. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the FFA and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution or bylaws of the FFA.

(b) VOTING.—In matters of official business of a local chapter, each member has one vote. In matters of official business of a State association, each qualified delegate of a local chapter has one vote.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1356; Pub. L. 116-7, §4, Feb. 21, 2019, 133 Stat. 479.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
70903	36:276.	Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, §6, 64 Stat. 565.

In subsection (b), the words “In matters of” are substituted for “In the conduct of” for clarity and to eliminate unnecessary words.

AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-7 substituted “FFA” for “corporation” and “as provided in the constitution or bylaws of the FFA” for “as provided in the bylaws” before period at end.

§ 70904. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the governing body of the FFA. The board shall exercise the powers granted to the FFA.

(2) The board—

(A) shall consist of—

(i) the Secretary of Education, or the Secretary of Education’s designee who has experience in agricultural education, the FFA, or career and technical education; and

(ii) other individuals—

(I) representing the fields of education, agriculture, food, and natural resources; or

(II) with experience working closely with the FFA; and

(B) shall not include any individual who is a current employee of the National FFA Organization.

(3) The number of directors, terms of office of the directors, and the method of selecting the directors, are as provided in the constitution or bylaws of the FFA.

(4) The board shall meet at least annually at the time and place provided in the constitution or bylaws of the FFA. The annual report of the board shall be presented at that meeting. Special meetings of the board may be called at any time by the chair.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers of the FFA, the terms of officers, and the election of officers, are as provided in the constitution or bylaws of the FFA, except that such officers shall include—

- (1) a national advisor;
- (2) an executive secretary; and
- (3) a treasurer.

(c) GOVERNING COMMITTEE.—

(1) The board may designate a governing committee. The terms and method of selecting the governing committee members are as provided in the constitution or bylaws of the FFA, except that all members of the governing committee shall be members of the board of directors and at all times the governing committee shall be comprised of not less than 3 individuals.

(2) When the board is not in session, the governing committee has the powers of the board subject to the board’s direction and may authorize the seal of the FFA to be affixed to all papers that require it.

(3) The board shall designate to such committee—