

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—

- (A) the chair of the board;
- (B) the executive secretary of the board; and
- (C) the treasurer of the board.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1357; Pub. L. 116–7, § 5, Feb. 21, 2019, 133 Stat. 479.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
70904(a)	36:278(a)–(c), (e).	Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, § 8, 64 Stat. 565.
70904(b)	36:278(d).	

In subsection (a), the text of 36:278(e) is omitted as obsolete. In paragraph (2), the words “Secretary of Education” and “Department of Education” are substituted for “Chief of the Agricultural Education Service, Office of Education, Federal Security Agency” and “Agricultural Education Service, Office of Education, Federal Security Agency”, respectively, in section 8(a) of the Act of August 30, 1950 (ch. 823, 64 Stat. 565), because of sections 5 and 8 of Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1953 (5 App. U.S.C.) and 20:3441 and 3507.

AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 116–7, § 5(1)(A), substituted “FFA” for “corporation” in two places.

Subsec. (a)(2), (3). Pub. L. 116–7, § 5(1)(B), added pars. (2) and (3) and struck out former pars. (2) and (3) which read as follows:

“(2) The board consists of the Secretary of Education, four staff members in the Department of Education, and four State supervisors of agriculture education. The Secretary is chairman of the board.

“(3) The term of office of the directors and the method of selecting the directors (except ex officio directors) are as provided in the bylaws.”

Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 116–7, § 5(1)(C), substituted “constitution or bylaws of the FFA” for “bylaws” and “chair” for “chairman”.

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 116–7, § 5(2), (3), added subsecs. (b) and (c) and struck out former subsec. (b) which read as follows: “GOVERNING COMMITTEE.—The board may designate the chairman of the board and two members of the chairman’s staff as a governing committee. 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 corporation to be affixed to all papers that require it.”

§ 70905. National officers

(a) COMPOSITION.—There shall be not less than 6 national student officers of the FFA, including a student president, 4 student vice presidents (each representing regions as provided in the constitution or bylaws of the corporation), and a student secretary.

(b) ELECTION.—The national officers of the corporation shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates assembled in the annual national convention from among qualified members of the corporation.

(c) VOTE AT NATIONAL CONVENTION.—Each qualified delegate has one vote at the annual national convention.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1357; Pub. L. 116–7, § 6, Feb. 21, 2019, 133 Stat. 480.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
70905	36:277.	Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, § 7, 64 Stat. 565.

In subsection (c), the words “Secretary of Education” and “Department of Education” are substituted for “Chief of the Agricultural Education Service, Office of Education, Federal Security Agency” and “that service”, respectively, in section 7(c) of the Act of August 30, 1950 (ch. 823, 64 Stat. 565), because of sections 5 and 8 of Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1953 (5 App. U.S.C.) and 20:3441 and 3507. In clause (3), the reference to the Vocational Education Act of 1946 (ch. 541, 49 Stat. 1488) is omitted because that Act was repealed by section 103 of the Act of October 16, 1968 (Public Law 90–576, 82 Stat. 1091).

AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116–7, § 6(1), amended subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The national officers of the corporation are a student president, four student vice presidents (one from each of four regions of the United States established in the bylaws for purposes of administration of the corporation), a student secretary, an executive secretary, a treasurer, and a national advisor.”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116–7, § 6(4), struck out “, except that—” in introductory provisions and pars. (1) to (3) which related to the national advisor, executive secretary, and treasurer, respectively.

Pub. L. 116–7, § 6(2), (3), redesignated subsec. (c) as (b) and struck out former subsec. (b) which read as follows: “BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS.—The national student officers of the corporation comprise a board of student officers. The board of student officers shall advise and make recommendations to the board of directors about the activities and business of the corporation.”

Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 116–7, § 6(3), redesignated subsec. (d) as (c). Former subsec. (c) redesignated (b).

§ 70906. Powers

The FFA may—

(1) adopt and amend bylaws and regulations for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs, including the establishment and maintenance of local chapters and State associations of chapters;

(2) adopt and alter a seal;

(3) adopt emblems and badges;

(4) choose officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activities of the FFA require;

(5) make contracts;

(6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the FFA;

(7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(8) use FFA funds to give prizes, awards, loans, and grants to deserving members, local FFA chapters, and State FFA associations to carry out the purposes of the FFA;

(9) produce publications, websites, and other media;

(10) make available to State associations, local chapters, and members all official FFA supplies and equipment;

(11) sue and be sued; and

(12) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the FFA.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1357; Pub. L. 116–7, § 7, Feb. 21, 2019, 133 Stat. 481.)