

culture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate on the demand for and availability of credit in rural areas for agriculture, housing, and rural development.

“(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the study shall be to ensure that Congress has current and comprehensive information to consider as Congress deliberates on rural credit needs and the availability of credit to satisfy the needs of rural areas of the United States.

“(c) ITEMS IN STUDY.—In conducting the study, the Secretary shall base the study on the most current available data and analyze—

“(1) rural demand for credit from the Farm Credit System, the ability of the Farm Credit System to meet the demand, and the extent to which the Farm Credit System provides loans to satisfy the demand;

“(2) rural demand for credit from the United States banking system, the ability of banks to meet the demand, and the extent to which banks provide loans to satisfy the demand;

“(3) rural demand for credit from the Secretary, the ability of the Secretary to meet the demand, and the extent to which the Secretary provides loans to satisfy the demand;

“(4) rural demand for credit from other Federal agencies, the ability of the agencies to meet the demand, and the extent to which the agencies provide loans to satisfy the demand;

“(5) what measure or measures exist to gauge the overall demand for rural credit, the extent to which rural demand for credit is satisfied, and what the measures have demonstrated;

“(6) a comparison of the interest rates and terms charged by the Farm Credit System Farm Credit Banks, production credit associations, and banks for cooperatives with the rates and terms charged by the banks of the United States for credit of comparable risk and maturity;

“(7) the advantages and disadvantages of the modernization and expansion proposals of the Farm Credit System on the Farm Credit System, the United States banking system, rural users of credit, local rural communities, and the Federal Government, including—

“(A) any added risk to the safety and soundness of the Farm Credit System that may result from approval of a proposal; and

“(B) any positive or adverse impacts on competition between the Farm Credit System and the banks of the United States in providing credit to rural users;

“(8) the nature and extent of the unsatisfied rural credit need that the Farm Credit System proposals are supposed to address and what aspects of the present Farm Credit System prevent the Farm Credit System from meeting the need;

“(9) the advantages and disadvantages of the proposal by commercial bankers to allow banks access to the Farm Credit System as a funding source on the Farm Credit System, the United States banking system, rural users of credit, local rural communities, and the Federal Government, including—

“(A) any added risk to the safety and soundness of the Farm Credit System that may result from approval of the proposal; and

“(B) any positive or adverse impacts on competition between the Farm Credit System and the banks of the United States in providing credit to rural users; and

“(10) problems that commercial banks have in obtaining capital for lending in rural areas, how access to Farm Credit System funds would improve the availability of capital in rural areas in ways that cannot be achieved in the system in existence on the date of enactment of this Act [Apr. 4, 1996], and the possible effects on the viability of the Farm Credit System of granting banks access to Farm Credit System funds.

“(d) INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.—In completing the study, the Secretary shall use, among other things,

data and information obtained by the interagency task force on rural credit.”

#### GAO STUDY OF RURAL CREDIT COST AND AVAILABILITY

Pub. L. 101-624, title XVIII, §1842, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3835, directed Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study relating to cost and availability of credit in rural America and, not later than 2 years after Nov. 28, 1990, submit a report to Committee on Agriculture of House of Representatives and Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of Senate.

#### AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR NATIONAL COMMISSION ON AGRICULTURAL FINANCE AND NATIONAL COMMISSION ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Pub. L. 100-71, title V, §519(b), July 11, 1987, 101 Stat. 475, authorized and appropriated (1) for National Commission on Agricultural Finance established under section 501 of Pub. L. 99-205, \$100,000, to remain available until expended, and (2) for National Commission on Agriculture and Rural Development [Policy] established under section 5002 of this title, \$100,000, to remain available until expended.

#### LOAN REVIEW BY LOCAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS

Pub. L. 99-205, title III, §307, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1709, required each local lending institution of Farm Credit System established under this chapter to (1) review each loan that had been placed in non-accrual status by such institution to determine whether such loan could be restructured based on changes in circumstances of such institution as the result of this Act and the amendments made by this Act, and (2) notify in writing borrower of each such loan of provisions of this section.

#### NATIONAL COMMISSION ON AGRICULTURAL FINANCE

Pub. L. 99-205, title V, §501, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1710, directed President to appoint a National Commission on Agricultural Finance, comprised of 15 members, representing the financial community, the agricultural sector, and government, to conduct a study of methods to ensure availability of adequate credit to agricultural producers and agribusiness, taking into account long-term financing needs of agricultural economy, roles of commercial banks, Farm Credit System, and Farmers Home Administration in meeting those financial needs, with the Commission, in conducting such study, to (1) evaluate financial circumstances relative to both lenders and borrowers of farm credit, (2) evaluate structure, performance, and conduct of private lenders—commercial bankers and Farm Credit System—and public lenders, (3) explore need for long-term assistance in stabilizing value of agricultural assets, and (4) evaluate effect on suppliers, producers, processors, and local communities when financial institutions fail, and not later than Dec. 23, 1986, to submit to Congress a report containing results of study, together with comments and recommendations for legislation providing for a sound, reasonable, and primarily self-supporting credit program for farmers and ranchers as Commission considers appropriate.

## § 2002. Farm Credit System

### (a) Composition

The Farm Credit System shall include the Farm Credit Banks, the bank for cooperatives, Agricultural Credit Banks, the Federal Land Bank Associations, the Federal Land Credit Associations, the Production Credit Associations, the agricultural credit associations, the Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation, the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, service corporations established pursuant to section 2211 of this title, and such other institu-

tions as may be made a part of the Farm Credit System, all of which shall be chartered by and subject to regulation by the Farm Credit Administration.

**(b) Farm credit districts**

There shall be not more than twelve farm credit districts in the United States, which may be designated by number, one of which districts shall include the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and one of which districts may, if authorized by the Farm Credit Administration, include the Virgin Islands of the United States: *Provided*, That the extension of credit and other services authorized by this chapter in the Virgin Islands of the United States shall be undertaken only if determined to be feasible under regulations of the Farm Credit Administration. The boundaries of the twelve farm credit districts existing on December 10, 1971, may be readjusted from time to time by the Farm Credit Administration, with the concurrence of the boards of the banks in each district involved. Two or more districts may be merged as provided in section 2252(a)(2) of this title.

(Pub. L. 92-181, §1.2, formerly §§1.2, 5.0, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 583, 614; Pub. L. 96-592, title V, §501, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3448; Pub. L. 99-205, title II, §205(c), (g)(1), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1703, 1706; Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §434, title VIII, §805(a), (v), Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1662, 1715, 1716; Pub. L. 100-399, title IX, §901(q)-(s), Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 1008; Pub. L. 115-334, title V, §5411(2), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4679.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Pub. L. 100-399, §901(r), transferred section 5.0 of Pub. L. 92-181, which was classified to section 2221 of this title, to subsec. (b) of this section.

**AMENDMENTS**

2018—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-334 added subsec. (a) and struck out former subsec. (a). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Farm Credit System shall include the the Farm Credit Banks, the Federal land bank associations, the production credit associations, the banks for cooperatives, and such other institutions as may be made a part of the System, all of which shall be chartered by and subject to regulation by the Farm Credit Administration.”

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-399, §901(s), designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, and substituted “regulation” for “the regulation”.

Pub. L. 100-233, §434, amended provisions generally. Prior to amendment, provisions read as follows: “The Farm Credit System shall include the Federal land banks, the Federal land bank associations, the Federal intermediate credit banks, the production credit associations, the banks for cooperatives, and such other institutions as may be made a part of the System, all of which shall be chartered by and subject to regulation by the Farm Credit Administration.”

Pub. L. 100-233, §805(a), substituted “subject to regulation” for “subject to the regulation”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-399, §901(q), (r), designated section 2221 of this title as subsec. (b), inserted heading, and substituted “boards of the banks in each district” for “district boards”.

Pub. L. 100-233, §805(v), substituted “section 2252(a)(2) of this title” for “section 2252(2) of this title”.

1985—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-205, §205(c), substituted “regulation by” for “supervision of”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-205, §205(g)(1), substituted “Farm Credit Administration” for “Federal Farm

Credit Board” in first and second sentences, and made a technical amendment to reference to section 2252(2) of this title to reflect the renumbering of the corresponding section of the original act.

1980—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-592 inserted provisions relating to Virgin Islands of the United States.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENTS**

Pub. L. 100-399, title X, §1001, Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 1008, provided that:

“(a) GENERAL RULE.—Except as provided in subsection (b), the amendments made by this Act [see Tables for classification] shall take effect as if enacted immediately after the enactment of the 1987 Act [Pub. L. 100-233, which was enacted Jan. 6, 1988].

“(b) EXCEPTIONS.—The amendments made by sections 102(b), 102(f), 102(g), 102(h), 201(q), 302(c), 302(d), 302(e), 401, 402(b), 409(d), 411, 414, and 901 (other than by subsections (a), (b), (c), (e), (f), and (g) thereof) of this Act [see Tables for classification] shall take effect immediately after the amendment made by section 401 of the 1987 Act takes effect [section 401 of Pub. L. 100-233, effective 6 months after Jan. 6, 1988].”

Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §434, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1662, provided in part that the amendment of this section by section 434 of Pub. L. 100-233 is effective 6 months after Jan. 6, 1988.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-205 effective thirty days after Dec. 23, 1985, see section 401 of Pub. L. 99-205, set out as a note under section 2001 of this title.

**CONSOLIDATION OF DISTRICT FARM CREDIT BANKS**

Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §412, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1638, as amended by Pub. L. 100-399, title IV, §404, Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 999, provided that:

“(a) SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL.—

“(1) SPECIAL COMMITTEE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this section [Jan. 6, 1988], a special committee shall be selected pursuant to regulations of the Farm Credit Administration for the purpose of developing a proposal for the consolidation of Farm Credit System districts.

“(B) COMPOSITION.—The special committee selected under subparagraph (A) shall be composed of one representative from each Farm Credit Bank board and the members of the Board of Directors of the Assistance Board.

“(2) DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSAL.—Not later than 6 months after the formation of the special committee, the committee shall develop a proposal to consolidate the Farm Credit Banks into no less than six financially viable Farm Credit Banks through inter-district mergers.

“(3) REPORT.—Not later than the end of each calendar quarter beginning at least 6 months after the selection of the special committee, such committee shall prepare and submit, to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate, a report on the progress of the committee in developing a proposal under this subsection.

“(b) PREREQUISITES TO CONSOLIDATION.—

“(1) FCA REVIEW OF PROPOSAL.—Prior to the submission of the proposal developed under subsection (a)(2) to the stockholders under paragraph (3), the proposal together with all information to be presented to the stockholders, shall be submitted to the Farm Credit Administration for approval.

“(2) PREREQUISITES.—The proposal developed under subsection (a)(2) shall not be submitted to stockholders under paragraph (3) unless the proposal is approved by—

“(A) a majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the Assistance Board; and

“(B) the members of the special committee that represent the districts affected by the terms of the proposal.

“(3) SUBMISSION TO STOCKHOLDERS.—Not later than the end of the 18-month period after the date of enactment of this Act [Jan. 6, 1988], each Farm Credit Bank involved, in consultation with the special committee, shall submit the proposed merger affecting such bank to the voting stockholders of each such bank.

“(4) STOCKHOLDER VOTE.—Each association shall be entitled to cast a number of votes equal to the number of voting stockholders of such association.”

[For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of reporting provisions in section 412(a)(3) of Pub. L. 100-233, set out above, see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and page 166 of House Document No. 103-7.]

APPLICABILITY OF LAWS ENACTED AFTER  
JANUARY 1, 1960

Pub. L. 86-168, title II, §203(b), Aug. 18, 1959, 73 Stat. 390, provided that: “Any Act of Congress enacted after the effective date of this title [Jan. 1, 1960] and which states that it shall be applicable to agencies or instrumentalities of the United States or to corporations controlled or owned, in whole or in part, by the United States, or to officers and employees of the United States or such agencies or instrumentalities or corporations, shall not be applicable to a Federal land bank, Federal intermediate credit bank, or bank for co-operatives, or to its directors, officers, or employees unless such Act specifically so provides by naming such banks.”

SUBCHAPTER I—FARM CREDIT BANKS

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Title I of the Farm Credit Act of 1971, comprising this subchapter, was originally enacted by Pub. L. 92-181, title I, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 583, and amended by Pub. L. 96-592, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3437; Pub. L. 99-205, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1678; Pub. L. 99-509, Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1874; Pub. L. 100-233, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1568. Such title is shown herein, however, as having been added by Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §401, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1622, without reference to such intervening amendments because of the extensive revision of the title's provisions by Pub. L. 100-233.

§ 2011. Establishment, charters, titles, branches

(a) Establishment

The banks established pursuant to the merger of each District Federal Intermediate Credit Bank and Federal Land Bank (hereinafter referred to in this subchapter as “Farm Credit Banks”), as provided in section 410 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987, shall be Federally chartered instrumentalities of the United States.

(b) Charters

The Farm Credit Administration shall, consistent with this chapter, issue charters for, and approve amendments to charters of, the Farm Credit Banks.

(c) Title

Each Farm Credit Bank may include in its title the name of the city in which it is located or other geographical designation.

(d) Branches

Each Farm Credit Bank may establish such branches or other offices as may be appropriate for the effective operation of its business.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title I, §1.3, as added Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §401, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1622; amended Pub. L. 100-399, title IV, §401(a), (b), Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 995.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 410 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987, referred to in subsec. (a), is section 410 of Pub. L. 100-233, which is set out as a note below.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2011, Pub. L. 92-181, title I, §1.3, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 583; Pub. L. 100-233, title VIII, §802(a), Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1710, related to establishment, title, and branches of Federal land banks prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 100-233, §401.

AMENDMENTS

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-399, §401(a), inserted “, as provided in section 410 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987,” before “shall”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-399, §401(b), amended subsec. (b) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (b) read as follows: “The charters or organization certificates of Farm Credit Banks may be modified from time to time by the Farm Credit Administration Board, not inconsistent with the provisions of this subchapter, as may be necessary or expedient to implement this chapter.”

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-399 effective immediately after amendment made by section 401 of Pub. L. 100-233, which was effective 6 months after Jan. 6, 1988, see section 1001(b) of Pub. L. 100-399, set out as a note under section 2002 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §401, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1622, provided that this section is effective 6 months after Jan. 6, 1988.

LONG-TERM LENDING AUTHORITY OF FARM CREDIT BANK OF TEXAS WITH RESPECT TO STATES OF ALABAMA, LOUISIANA, AND MISSISSIPPI

Pub. L. 102-552, title IV, §401(b), Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4128, as amended by Pub. L. 110-234, title V, §5407(c)(3), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1160; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title V, §5407(c)(3), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1922, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law (except section 7.7 of the Farm Credit Act of 1971 [12 U.S.C. 2279c]), the Farm Credit Bank of Texas may act in accordance with the exclusive charter of the bank, as amended by the Farm Credit Administration on February 7, 1989, and effective February 9, 1989 (except to the extent that the charter may be further amended by the Farm Credit Administration in accordance with its general authorities under the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C. 2001 et seq.)).

“(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Paragraph (1) shall take effect as if such paragraph had become law on February 7, 1989.”

MANDATORY MERGER OF SYSTEM INSTITUTIONS

Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §410, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1637, as amended by Pub. L. 100-399, title IV, §402, Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 999; Pub. L. 102-552, title IV, §401(a), Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4116; Pub. L. 110-234, title V, §5407(c)(2), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1160; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title V, §5407(c)(2), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1922, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this section [Jan. 6, 1988], the