

AMENDMENTS

2017—Par. (7). Pub. L. 115–85, §2(a)(1), amended Pub. L. 113–187, §9(a)(3). See 2014 Amendment note below.

2014—Par. (4). Pub. L. 113–187, §9(a)(1), substituted “creation, maintenance, transfer, and use” for “creation and of records maintenance and use”.

Par. (6). Pub. L. 113–187, §9(a)(2), inserted before period at end “and the transfer of records from Federal agencies to the National Archives of the United States in digital or electronic form to the greatest extent possible”.

Par. (7). Pub. L. 113–187, §9(a)(3), as amended by Pub. L. 115–85, §2(a)(1), substituted “the Archivist or the Administrator” for “the Administrator or the Archivist”.

1984—Par. (7). Pub. L. 98–497 inserted “or the Archivist” after “Administrator”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2017 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 115–85, §2(b), Nov. 21, 2017, 131 Stat. 1275, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 2904, 2906, and 3102 of this title] shall take effect as if included in the Presidential and Federal Records Act Amendments of 2014 (Public Law 113–187).”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98–497 effective Apr. 1, 1985, see section 301 of Pub. L. 98–497, set out as a note under section 2102 of this title.

§ 2903. Custody and control of property

(a) The Archivist shall have immediate custody and control of the National Archives Building and its contents, and may design, construct, purchase, lease, maintain, operate, protect, and improve buildings used by him for the storage of records of Federal agencies in the District of Columbia and elsewhere.

(b) When the Archivist considers it to be in the public interest, the Archivist may charge and collect reasonable fees from the public for the occasional, non-official use of rooms and spaces, and services related to such use, in the buildings subject to this section. Fees collected under this subsection shall be paid into an account in the National Archives Trust Fund and shall be held, administered, and expended for the benefit and in the interest of the national archival and records activities administered by the National Archives and Records Administration, including educational and public program purposes.

(Pub. L. 90–620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1296; Pub. L. 98–497, title I, §107(b)(15)(A), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2288; Pub. L. 108–383, §4(b), Oct. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 2218.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §392 (June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title V, §502, as added Sept. 5, 1950, ch. 849, §6(d), 64 Stat. 583).

Editorial Notes

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2004—Pub. L. 108–383 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

1984—Pub. L. 98–497 substituted “Archivist” for “Administrator”.

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

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§ 2904. General responsibilities for records management

(a) The Archivist shall provide guidance and assistance to Federal agencies with respect to ensuring—

- (1) economical and effective records management;
- (2) adequate and proper documentation of the policies and transactions of the Federal Government; and
- (3) proper records disposition.

(b) The Administrator shall provide guidance and assistance to Federal agencies to ensure economical and effective processing of mail by Federal agencies.

(c) In carrying out the responsibilities under subsection (a), the Archivist shall have the responsibility—

- (1) to promulgate standards, procedures, and guidelines with respect to records management and the conduct of records management studies;
- (2) to conduct research with respect to the improvement of records management practices and programs;
- (3) to collect and disseminate information on training programs, technological developments, and other activities relating to records management;
- (4) to establish such interagency committees and boards as may be necessary to provide an exchange of information among Federal agencies with respect to records management;
- (5) to direct the continuing attention of Federal agencies and the Congress on the need for adequate policies governing records management;
- (6) to conduct records management studies and, in the Archivist's discretion, designate the heads of executive agencies to conduct records management studies with respect to establishing systems and techniques designed to save time and effort in records management;
- (7) to conduct inspections or surveys of the records and the records management programs and practices within and between Federal agencies;
- (8) to report to the appropriate oversight and appropriations committees of the Congress and to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget in January of each year and at such other times as the Archivist deems desirable—

(A) on the results of activities conducted pursuant to paragraphs (1) through (7) of this section,

(B) on evaluations of responses by Federal agencies to any recommendations resulting from inspections or studies conducted under paragraphs (6) and (7) of this section, and

(C) to the extent practicable, estimates of costs to the Federal Government resulting from the failure of agencies to implement such recommendations.