

of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973 et seq.) [now 52 U.S.C. 10301 et seq.].
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Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Voting Rights Act of 1965, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 89-110, Aug. 6, 1965, 79 Stat. 437, which is classified generally to chapters 103 (§10301 et seq.), 105 (§10501 et seq.), and 107 (§10701 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

CODIFICATION

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Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable with respect to elections taking place after Dec. 31, 1985, see section 9 of Pub. L. 98-435, set out as a note under section 20101 of this title.

§ 20107. Definitions

As used in this chapter, the term—

- (1) “accessible” means accessible to handicapped and elderly individuals for the purpose of voting or registration, as determined under guidelines established by the chief election officer of the State involved;
- (2) “elderly” means 65 years of age or older;
- (3) “Federal election” means a general, special, primary, or runoff election for the office of President or Vice President, or of Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress;
- (4) “handicapped” means having a temporary or permanent physical disability; and
- (5) “State” means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any territory or possession¹ of the United States.

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PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to this chapter were contained in subchapters I-D and I-E (1973cc et seq. and 1973dd et seq.) of chapter 20 of title 42 prior to repeal by Pub. L. 99-410 and then in subchapter I-G (1973ff et seq.) of chapter 20 of title 42 prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this chapter.

§ 20301. Federal responsibilities

(a) Presidential designee

The President shall designate the head of an executive department to have primary responsibility for Federal functions under this chapter.

(b) Duties of Presidential designee

The Presidential designee shall—

- (1) consult State and local election officials in carrying out this chapter, and ensure that such officials are aware of the requirements of this Act;
- (2) prescribe an official post card form, containing both an absentee voter registration application and an absentee ballot application, for use by the States as required under section 20302(a)(4) of this title;
- (3) carry out section 20303 of this title with respect to the Federal write-in absentee ballot for absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters in general elections for Federal office;
- (4) prescribe a suggested design for absentee ballot mailing envelopes;
- (5) compile and distribute (A) descriptive material on State absentee registration and voting procedures, and (B) to the extent practicable, facts relating to specific elections, including dates, offices involved, and the text of ballot questions;
- (6) not later than the end of each year after a Presidential election year, transmit to the President and the Congress a report on the effectiveness of assistance under this chapter, including a statistical analysis of uniformed services voter participation, a separate statistical analysis of overseas nonmilitary participation, and a description of State-Federal cooperation;
- (7) prescribe a standard oath for use with any document under this chapter affirming that a material misstatement of fact in the completion of such a document may constitute grounds for a conviction for perjury;
- (8) carry out section 20304 of this title with respect to the collection and delivery of marked absentee ballots of absent overseas uniformed services voters in elections for Federal office;

¹ So in original. Probably should be “possession”.