

**(B) Decisions**

Except as provided in paragraph (2), decisions of the Advisory Board shall be made by majority vote, a quorum being present.

**(C) Closed sessions**

The Advisory Board may meet in closed sessions in accordance with section 552b of title 5.

**(f) Compensation****(1) In general**

Members of the Advisory Board, while attending meetings of the Advisory Board or while engaged in duties relating to such meetings or in other activities of the Advisory Board under this section (including travel time) shall be entitled to receive compensation equal to the daily equivalent of the compensation prescribed for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5.

**(2) Travel expenses**

While away from their homes or regular places of business, members of the Board may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized under section 5703 of such title for persons in the Government service employed intermittently.

**(3) Secretary of State**

The Secretary of State is not entitled to any compensation under this chapter, but may be allowed travel expenses in accordance with paragraph (2).

**(g) Support staff**

The Chief Executive Officer shall, from within existing United States Agency for Global Media personnel, provide the Advisory Board with an Executive Secretary and such administrative staff and support as may be necessary to enable the Advisory Board to carry out subsections (d) and (e).

(Pub. L. 103-236, title III, § 306, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 436; Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XIII, § 1323(j), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-780; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title XII, § 1288(3), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2551; Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title XII, § 1299Q(d), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4022.)

**Editorial Notes**

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of the U.S. Agency for Global Media Reform Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(4)(A), probably means the date of enactment of section 1299Q of Pub. L. 116-283, which was approved Jan. 1, 2021. A bill with that Short Title, S. 3654, was introduced in the 115th Congress, 2nd Session, but was not enacted. Provisions similar to those in subsec. (b) of this section, as added by section 1299Q of Pub. L. 116-283, were contained in section 3 of the bill.

This chapter, referred to in subsections (e)(1) and (f)(3), was in the original “this title”, meaning title III of Pub. L. 103-236, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 432, known as the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title III to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6201 of this title and Tables.

## CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title XII, § 1299Q(d), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4022, which amended this section, was

itself amended by Pub. L. 116-260, div. O, title XIII, § 1301, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2158, to make it effective 90 days after Jan. 1, 2021. However, the amendment by Pub. L. 116-260 could not be executed because it was enacted before the provision from Pub. L. 116-283 that it amended.

## AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-283, § 1299Q(d)(1), added subsec. (a) and struck out former subsec. (a). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Except as provided in subsection (b)(2), the International Broadcasting Advisory Board (referred to in this section as the ‘Advisory Board’) shall consist of five members, including the Secretary of State, appointed by the President and in accordance with subsection (d), to advise the Chief Executive Officer of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, as appropriate.”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-283, § 1299Q(d)(1), added subsec. (b) and struck out former subsec. (b) which related to retention of existing BBG Board Members.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 116-283, § 1299Q(d)(1)–(3), redesignated subsec. (d) as (c), inserted “Advisory” before “Board” in subsec. heading and “who are” before “distinguished” in par. (2), and struck out former subsec. (c) which related to terms of office.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 116-283, § 1299Q(d)(4), added subsec. (d). Former subsec. (d) redesignated (c).

Subsecs. (e) to (g). Pub. L. 116-283, § 1299Q(d)(4), added subsections (e) to (g).

2016—Pub. L. 114-328 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section related to the role of the Secretary of State in international broadcasting.

1998—Pub. L. 105-277, § 1323(j)(1), substituted “Role of Secretary of State” for “Foreign policy guidance” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-277, § 1323(j)(2)–(4), designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, substituted “State” for “State, acting through the Director of the United States Information Agency,” and inserted before period at end “, as the Secretary may deem appropriate”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-277, § 1323(j)(5), added subsec. (b).

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-277 effective Oct. 1, 1999, see section 1301 of Pub. L. 105-277, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6531 of this title.

**§ 6206. Repealed. Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title XII, § 1288(4), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2552**

Section, Pub. L. 103-236, title III, § 307, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 436; Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XIII, § 1323(k), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-780, related to the International Broadcasting Bureau.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTING PILOT PROGRAM

Pub. L. 107-228, div. A, title V, § 504, Sept. 30, 2002, 116 Stat. 1393, as amended by Pub. L. 109-140, § 6, Dec. 22, 2005, 119 Stat. 2652; Pub. L. 109-472, § 9, Jan. 11, 2007, 120 Stat. 3556; Pub. L. 110-161, div. J, title VI, § 634(r), Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2330; Pub. L. 110-321, § 5, Sept. 19, 2008, 122 Stat. 3536, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the International Broadcasting Bureau (in this section referred to as the ‘Director’) may establish a pilot program (in this section referred to as the ‘program’) for the purpose of hiring United States citizens or aliens as personal services contractors, without regard to Civil Service and classification laws, for service in the United States as broadcasters and other broadcasting specialists in the International Broadcasting Bureau to respond to new or emerging broadcast needs or to augment broadcast services.

“(b) CONDITIONS.—The Director is authorized to use the authority of subsection (a) subject to the following conditions:

“(1) The Director determines that existing personnel resources are insufficient and the need is not of permanent duration.

“(2) The Director approves each employment of a personal services contractor.

“(3) The contract length, including options, may not exceed 2 years, unless the Director makes a finding that exceptional circumstances justify an extension of up to one additional year.

“(4) Not more than a total of 60 United States citizens or aliens are employed at any one time as personal services contractors under the program.

“(c) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority to award personal services contracts under the pilot program authorized by this section shall terminate on December 31, 2009. A contract entered into prior to the termination date under this subsection may remain in effect for a period not to exceed 6 months after such termination date.”

[Pub. L. 114-113, div. K, title I, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2712, provided in part: “That the authority provided by section 504(c) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107-228; 22 U.S.C. 6206 note) shall remain in effect through September 30, 2016”.]

[Pub. L. 113-235, div. J, title I, Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2580, provided in part: “That the authority provided by section 504(c) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107-228; 22 U.S.C. 6206 note) shall remain in effect through September 30, 2015”.]

[Pub. L. 113-76, div. K, title I, Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 471, provided in part: “That the authority provided by section 504(c) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107-228; 22 U.S.C. 6206 note) shall remain in effect through September 30, 2014”.]

[Pub. L. 112-74, div. I, title I, Dec. 23, 2011, 125 Stat. 1171, provided in part: “That the authority provided by section 504(c) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107-228; 22 U.S.C. 6206 note) shall remain in effect through September 30, 2012”.]

[Pub. L. 111-117, div. F, title I, Dec. 16, 2009, 123 Stat. 3318, provided in part: “That the authority provided by section 504(c) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107-228; 22 U.S.C. 6206 note) shall remain in effect through September 30, 2010”.]

### § 6207. Limits on grants for Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty

#### (a) Board of RFE/RL, Incorporated

The Agency may not make any grant to RFE/RL, Incorporated, unless the certificate of incorporation of RFE/RL, Incorporated, has been amended to provide that—

(1) the Board of Directors of RFE/RL, Incorporated, shall consist of the members authorized under section 6204(a)(20) of this title; and

(2) such Board of Directors shall make all major policy determinations governing the operation of RFE/RL, Incorporated, and shall appoint and fix the compensation of such managerial officers and employees of RFE/RL, Incorporated, as it considers necessary to carry out the purposes of the grant provided under this chapter.

#### (b) Location of principal place of business

(1) The Agency may not make any grant to RFE/RL, Incorporated unless the headquarters of RFE/RL, Incorporated and its senior adminis-

trative and managerial staff are in a location which ensures economy, operational effectiveness, and accountability to the Agency.

(2) Not later than 90 days after confirmation of all members of the Agency, the Agency shall provide a report to Congress on the number of administrative, managerial, and technical staff of RFE/RL, Incorporated who will be located within the metropolitan area of Washington, D.C., and the number of employees whose principal place of business will be located outside the metropolitan area of Washington, D.C.

#### (c) Limitation on grant amounts

The total amount of grants made for the operating costs of RFE/RL, Incorporated, may not exceed \$85,000,000 in fiscal year 2003.

#### (d) Alternative grantee

If the Chief Executive Officer determines at any time that RFE/RL, Incorporated is not carrying out the functions described in this section in an effective and economical manner, the Agency may award the grant to carry out such functions to another entity.

#### (e) Not a Federal agency or instrumentality

Nothing in this chapter may be construed to make RFE/RL, Incorporated a Federal agency or instrumentality.

#### (f) Authority

Grants authorized under section 6204 of this title for RFE/RL, Incorporated, shall be available to make annual grants for the purpose of carrying out similar functions as were carried out by RFE/RL, Incorporated, on the day before April 30, 1994, with respect to Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, consistent with section 2 of the Board for International Broadcasting Act of 1973 [22 U.S.C. 2871], as in effect on such date.

#### (g) Grant agreement

Grants to RFE/RL, Incorporated, by the Agency shall only be made in compliance with a grant agreement. The grant agreement shall establish guidelines for such grants. The grant agreement shall include the following provisions—

(1) that a grant be used only for activities which the Agency determines are consistent with the purposes of subsection (f);

(2) that RFE/RL, Incorporated, shall otherwise comply with the requirements of this section;

(3) that failure to comply with the requirements of this section may result in suspension or termination of a grant without further obligation by the Agency or the United States;

(4) that duplication of language services and technical operations between RFE/RL, Incorporated and the<sup>1</sup> any other grantee of the Agency be reduced to the extent appropriate, as determined by the Chief Executive Officer; and

(5) that RFE/RL, Incorporated, justify in detail each proposed expenditure of grant funds, and that such funds may not be used for any other purpose unless the Agency gives its prior written approval.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. The word “the” probably should not appear.