

- (aa) elected officials; or
- (bb) designees or employees of a general purpose unit of local government that have been appointed to represent the unit of local government; and
- (III) is certified by the Governor or appropriate State officer as having a charter or authority that includes the economic development of counties, portions of counties, or other political subdivisions within the region; and
- (B) has not, as certified by the Federal Co-chairperson—
  - (i) inappropriately used Federal grant funds from any Federal source; or
  - (ii) appointed an officer who, during the period in which another entity inappropriately used Federal grant funds from any Federal source, was an officer of the other entity.

(3) FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM.—The term “Federal grant program” means a Federal grant program to provide assistance in carrying out economic and community development activities.

(4) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian tribe” has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).<sup>1</sup>

(5) NONPROFIT ENTITY.—The term “nonprofit entity” means any organization described in section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under 501(a) of that Code that has been formed for the purpose of economic development.

(6) REGION.—The term “region” means the area covered by a Commission as described in subchapter II of chapter 157.<sup>2</sup>

(Added Pub. L. 110-234, title XIV, §14217(a)(2), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1468, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title XIV, §14217(a)(2), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2230.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of this chapter, referred to in par. (2)(A)(i)(I), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-246, which was approved June 18, 2008.

Section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b), referred to in par. (4), was classified to section 450b of Title 25, Indians, prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as section 5304 of Title 25.

Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, referred to in par. (5), is classified to section 501 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code.

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 enacted identical sections. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE

Enactment of this subtitle and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

<sup>2</sup> So in original. Probably means chapter 4 of this subtitle.

date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

Pub. L. 110-234, title XIV, §14217(d), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1482, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title XIV, §14217(d), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2244, provided that: “This section [enacting this subtitle, redesignating former subtitle V as subtitle VI of this title, and amending section 11 of the Inspector General Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95-452, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees], and the amendments made by this section, shall take effect on the first day of the first fiscal year beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act [June 18, 2008].”

[Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 enacted identical provisions. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.]

**CHAPTER 153—REGIONAL COMMISSIONS**

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2018—Pub. L. 115-334, title VI, §6304(g), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4752, renumbered chapter 2 of subtitle V of this title as chapter 153 of this title.

**§ 15301. Establishment, membership, and employees**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There are established the following regional Commissions:

- (1) The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission.
- (2) The Southwest Border Regional Commission.
- (3) The Northern Border Regional Commission.

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) FEDERAL AND STATE MEMBERS.—Each Commission shall be composed of the following members:

- (A) A Federal Cochairperson, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.
- (B) The Governor of each participating State in the region of the Commission.

(2) ALTERNATE MEMBERS.—

(A) ALTERNATE FEDERAL COCHAIRPERSON.—The President shall appoint an alternate Federal Cochairperson for each Commission. The alternate Federal Cochairperson, when not actively serving as an alternate for the Federal Cochairperson, shall perform such functions and duties as are delegated by the Federal Cochairperson.

(B) STATE ALTERNATES.—The State member of a participating State may have a single alternate, who shall be appointed by the Governor of the State from among the members of the Governor’s cabinet or personal staff.

(C) VOTING.—An alternate member shall vote in the case of the absence, death, dis-