

Stat. 1299; Pub. L. 102-497, §9(c), Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 3258; Pub. L. 102-524, §3, Oct. 26, 1992, 106 Stat. 3437; Pub. L. 103-171, §5(6), Dec. 2, 1993, 107 Stat. 1992; Pub. L. 105-361, §2, Nov. 10, 1998, 112 Stat. 3278; Pub. L. 109-394, §4, Dec. 14, 2006, 120 Stat. 2707; Pub. L. 116-101, §3, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3261; Pub. L. 116-261, §5(c), Dec. 30, 2020, 134 Stat. 3314; Pub. L. 117-2, title XI, §11004(a), Mar. 11, 2021, 135 Stat. 244.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 117-2 added subsec. (f).
2020—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-261 substituted “2991b(e)” for “2991b(d)”, “\$34,000,000” for “such sums as may be necessary”, and “2021 through 2025” for “1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002”.
Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 116-261, §5(c)(1), substituted “2991b(e)” for “2991b(d)”.
2019—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 116-101, §3(b), substituted “subsection (d)” for “subsection (e)”.
Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 116-101, §3(a), substituted “\$13,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024.” for “such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012.”
2006—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 109-394 substituted “2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012” for “1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002”.
1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-361, §2(1), substituted “for each of fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.” for “for fiscal years 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995.”
Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-361, §2(2), substituted “for each of fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002,” for “for each of the fiscal years 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996.”
Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 105-361, §2(3), substituted “such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.” for “, \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 1993 and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1997.”
1993—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 103-171, §5(6)(A), substituted “2991b-1,” for “2991b-1”.
Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 103-171, §5(6)(B), substituted “is” for “are”.
Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 103-171, §5(6)(D), redesignated subsec. (e) as (d).
Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 103-171, §5(6)(D), redesignated subsec. (f) as (e). Former subsec. (e) redesignated (d).
Pub. L. 103-171, §5(6)(C), substituted “fiscal year 1994” for “fiscal years 1992 and 1993”.
Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 103-171, §5(6)(D), redesignated subsec. (f) as (e).
1992—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-524, §3(1), inserted reference to section 2991b-3 of this title.
Pub. L. 102-375, §822(15), substituted “, 2991b-1 of this title, subsection (e) of this section, and any other provision of this subchapter for which there is an express authorization of appropriations” for “and 2991b-1 of this title” and “1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995” for “1988, 1989, 1990, and 1991”.
Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-524, §3(1), inserted reference to section 2991b-3 of this title.
Pub. L. 102-375, §822(16), substituted “, 2991b-1, 2991c of this title, subsection (e) of this section, and any other provision of this subchapter for which there is an express authorization of appropriations” for “and 2991b-1 of this title”.
Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 102-497 redesignated subsec. (d) as (c) and struck out former subsec. (c) which read as follows: “There are authorized to be appropriated \$500,000 for each of the fiscal years 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995 for the purpose of providing financial assistance to other Native American Pacific Islanders (including American Samoan Natives) under section 2991b(a) of this title.”
Pub. L. 102-375, §822(17), (18), redesignated par. (1) as subsec. (c), substituted “There are” for “Except as provided in paragraph (2), there are”, substituted “1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995” for “1988, 1989, 1990, and 1991”, and struck out par. (2) which read as follows: “No funds

may be appropriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year unless the amount appropriated under subsection (a) of this section for such fiscal year exceeds 105 percent of the amount appropriated under subsection (a) of this section for fiscal year 1987.”
Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 102-497, §9(c)(2), redesignated subsec. (d) as (c).
Pub. L. 102-375, §822(19), struck out “1991,” before “1992.”
Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 102-375, §822(20), added subsec. (e).
Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 102-524, §3(2), added subsec. (f).
1990—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 101-408, §3(1), inserted reference to section 2991b(d).
Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 101-408, §3(2), added subsec. (d).
1988—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 100-581 substituted “fiscal year 1987” for “the preceding fiscal year”.
1987—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-175, §506(b), inserted “(other than section 2991b-1 of this title)” after “this subchapter”.
Pub. L. 100-175, §505(1), substituted “1988, 1989, 1990, and 1991” for “1979 through 1986”.
Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-175, §506(b), inserted “(other than section 2991b-1 of this title)” after “this subchapter”.
Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 100-175, §505(2), added subsec. (c).
1984—Pub. L. 98-558 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), substituted “1986” for “1981”, and added subsec. (b).
1978—Pub. L. 95-568 substituted appropriations authorization for fiscal years 1979 through 1981 for prior such authorization for fiscal years 1975 through 1977.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 505 of Pub. L. 100-175 effective Oct. 1, 1987, and amendment by section 506(b) of Pub. L. 100-175 effective upon expiration of 90-day period beginning Nov. 29, 1987, see section 701(a), (c) of Pub. L. 100-175, set out as a note under section 3001 of this title.

§§ 2993 to 2993b. Repealed. Pub. L. 93-113, title VI, § 603, Oct. 1, 1973, 87 Stat. 417

Section 2993, Pub. L. 88-452, title VIII, §820, as added Pub. L. 90-222, title I, §110, Dec. 23, 1967, 81 Stat. 724; amended Pub. L. 92-424, §26(c), Sept. 19, 1972, 86 Stat. 703, related to community service programs, providing in: subsec. (a) for term of service and range of activities; subsec. (b) for support and allowances; and subsec. (c) for allowance of service as non-Federal contribution.

Section 2993a, Pub. L. 88-452, title VIII, §821, as added Pub. L. 90-222, title I, §110, Dec. 23, 1967, 81 Stat. 724; amended Pub. L. 92-424, §26(d), Sept. 19, 1972, 86 Stat. 703, related to special volunteer programs.

Section 2993b, Pub. L. 88-452, title VIII, §822, as added Pub. L. 90-222, title I, §110, Dec. 23, 1967, 81 Stat. 724, related to demonstration projects to help young adult criminal offenders.

Such former provisions are covered by various sections as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Former Sections, Present Sections. Rows include 2993(a) through 2993b and their corresponding present sections or status (e.g., Repealed, See 4974(c)).

§§ 2994 to 2994d. Repealed. Pub. L. 93-113, title VI, § 603, Oct. 1, 1973, 87 Stat. 417

Section 2994, Pub. L. 88-452, title VIII, §831, as added Pub. L. 90-222, title I, §110, Dec. 23, 1967, 81 Stat. 725, related to coordination with other programs.

Section 2994a, Pub. L. 88-452, title VIII, §832, as added Pub. L. 90-222, title I, §110, Dec. 23, 1967, 81 Stat. 725, related to participation of older persons.

Section 2994b, Pub. L. 88-452, title VIII, §833, as added Pub. L. 90-222, title I, §110, Dec. 23, 1967, 81 Stat. 726;

amended Pub. L. 90-623, §5(b), Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1315; Pub. L. 91-177, title I, §112(b), Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 832; Pub. L. 92-424, §3(d)(3), Sept. 19, 1972, 86 Stat. 689, related to application of Federal law.

Section 2994c, Pub. L. 88-452, title VIII, §834, as added Pub. L. 90-222, title I, §110, Dec. 23, 1967, 81 Stat. 726, related to special limitations.

Section 2994d, Pub. L. 88-452, title VIII, §835, as added Pub. L. 90-222, title I, §110, Dec. 23, 1967, 81 Stat. 726; amended Pub. L. 91-177, title I, §101(b), Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 827; Pub. L. 92-424, §2(a), Sept. 19, 1972, 86 Stat. 688, related to duration of program.

Such former provisions are covered by various sections as follows:

<i>Former Sections</i>	<i>Present Sections</i>
2994 .....	5050
2994a .....	4957
2994b(a) .....	5055(a)
2994b(b)(1), (2) .....	5055(b)(1) to (3)
2994b(c)(1), (2) .....	5055(c)(1), (2)
2994c .....	5044
2994d .....	5053

**SUBCHAPTER IX—EVALUATION**

**§§ 2995 to 2995c. Repealed. Pub. L. 97-35, title VI, § 683(a), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 519**

Section 2995, Pub. L. 88-452, title IX, §901, as added Pub. L. 92-424, §27(a), Sept. 19, 1972, 86 Stat. 704; amended Pub. L. 93-644, §12, Jan. 4, 1975, 88 Stat. 2328; Pub. L. 95-568, §17(a)(42), Nov. 2, 1978, 92 Stat. 2443, related to program and project evaluation.

Section 2995a, Pub. L. 88-452, title IX, §902, as added Pub. L. 92-424, §27(a), Sept. 19, 1972, 86 Stat. 704; amended Pub. L. 93-644, §12, Jan. 4, 1975, 88 Stat. 2329; Pub. L. 95-568, §17(a)(43), Nov. 2, 1978, 92 Stat. 2443, related to cooperation and consultation with other Federal agencies.

Section 2995b, Pub. L. 88-452, title IX, §903, as added Pub. L. 92-424, §27(a), Sept. 19, 1972, 86 Stat. 704; amended Pub. L. 93-644, §12, Jan. 4, 1975, 88 Stat. 2329, related to evaluation by other Federal agencies.

Section 2995c, Pub. L. 88-452, title IX, §904, as added Pub. L. 95-568, §16, Nov. 2, 1978, 92 Stat. 2439, set forth authorization of appropriations.

A prior section 2995c, Pub. L. 88-452, title IX, §904, as added Pub. L. 92-424, §27(a), Sept. 19, 1972, 86 Stat. 705, which provided for the publication of summaries of evaluations of the results of research, was omitted as superseded in the general reorganization and amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 93-644, §12, Jan. 4, 1975, 88 Stat. 2327.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Oct. 1, 1981, see section 9912(a) of this title, prior to the general amendment of chapter 106 (§9901 et seq.) of this title by Pub. L. 105-285.

**§ 2995d. Omitted**

**Editorial Notes**

CODIFICATION

Section, Pub. L. 88-452, title IX, §905, as added Pub. L. 92-424, §27(a), Sept. 19, 1972, 86 Stat. 705, allowed head of any agency administering a program authorized under this chapter to conduct evaluations and take other action to same extent as Director under this subchapter, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 93-644, §12, Jan. 4, 1975, 88 Stat. 2327.

**SUBCHAPTER X—LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION**

**§ 2996. Congressional findings and declaration of purpose**

The Congress finds and declares that—

(1) there is a need to provide equal access to the system of justice in our Nation for individuals who seek redress of grievances;

(2) there is a need to provide high quality legal assistance to those who would be otherwise unable to afford adequate legal counsel and to continue the present vital legal services program;

(3) providing legal assistance to those who face an economic barrier to adequate legal counsel will serve best the ends of justice and assist in improving opportunities for low-income persons consistent with the purposes of this chapter;

(4) for many of our citizens, the availability of legal services has reaffirmed faith in our government of laws;

(5) to preserve its strength, the legal services program must be kept free from the influence of or use by it of political pressures; and

(6) attorneys providing legal assistance must have full freedom to protect the best interests of their clients in keeping with the Code of Professional Responsibility, the Canons of Ethics, and the high standards of the legal profession.

(Pub. L. 88-452, title X, §1001, as added Pub. L. 93-355, §2, July 25, 1974, 88 Stat. 378; amended Pub. L. 95-222, §2, Dec. 28, 1977, 91 Stat. 1619.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1977—Par. (3). Pub. L. 95-222 inserted provision relating to assistance in improving opportunities for low-income persons consistent with this chapter.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1977 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 95-222, §17(b), Dec. 28, 1977, 91 Stat. 1624, provided that: "The amendments made by provisions of this Act other than sections 11 and 15 [amending this section and sections 2996c, 2996e, 2996f, 2996g, 2996h, 2996i, and 2996j of this title] shall be effective on the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 28, 1977]."

SHORT TITLE

This subchapter is known as the "Legal Services Corporation Act", see Short Title note set out under section 2701 of this title.

**§ 2996a. Definitions**

As used in this subchapter, the term—

(1) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation;

(2) "Corporation" means the Legal Services Corporation established under this subchapter;

(3) "eligible client" means any person financially unable to afford legal assistance;

(4) "Governor" means the chief executive officer of a State;

(5) "legal assistance" means the provision of any legal services consistent with the purposes and provisions of this subchapter;

(6) "recipient" means any grantee, contractee, or recipient of financial assistance described in clause (A) of section 2996e(a)(1) of this title;

(7) "staff attorney" means an attorney who receives more than one-half of his annual professional income from a recipient organized