make a report to the Congress of the results of its study not later than two years after Oct. 28, 1974, and authorized the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary to carry out section 101(f) of Pub. L. 93-495.

# §4276. Powers and administrative provisions

# (a) Hearings; oaths and affirmations

The Commission or, on the authorization of the Commission, any subcommittee or members thereof, may, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter, hold such hearings, take such testimony, and sit and act at such times and places as the Commission deems advisable. Any member authorized by the Commission may administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses appearing before the Commission or any subcommittee or members thereof.

## (b) Cooperation by Federal agencies

Each department, agency, and instrumentality of the executive branch of the Government, including independent agencies, is authorized and directed to furnish to the Commission, upon request made by the Chairman or Vice Chairman, such information as the Commission deems necessary to carry out its functions under this chapter.

# (c) Executive director

The Commission shall have power to appoint, fix the compensation of, and remove an executive director without regard to the civil service laws and chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5. Such appointment shall be made solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties of the position and without regard to political affiliation.

## (d) Appointment and compensation of other personnel; temporary and intermittent services

Subject to such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Commission, the Chairman, without regard to the civil service laws and chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, and without reference to political affiliation, shall have the power—

(1) to appoint, fix the compensation of, and remove such other personnel as he deems necessary,

(2) to procure temporary and intermittent services to the same extent as is authorized by section 3109 of title 5 but at rates not to exceed \$50 a day for individuals.

#### (e) Applicability of other laws to employees

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, persons in the employ of the Commission under subsections (c) and (d)(1) of this section shall be considered to be Federal employees for all purposes, including—

(1) subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5,

(2) chapter 87 of title 5,

(3) annual and sick leave, and

(4) subchapter I of chapter 57 of this title 5.

#### (f) Maximum compensation of employees

No individual employed in the service of the Commission shall be paid compensation for such employment at a rate in excess of the highest rate provided for grade 18 under the General Schedule, except that the executive director of the Commission may be paid compensation at any rate not exceeding the rate prescribed for level V in the Executive Schedule of subchapter II of chapter 53 of title 5.

(Pub. L. 86-380, §6, Sept. 24, 1959, 73 Stat. 705; Pub. L. 88-426, title III, §306(e), Aug. 14, 1964, 78 Stat. 429; Pub. L. 89-733, §§3, 4, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1162.)

#### **Editorial Notes**

#### CODIFICATION

The following substitutions were made on authority of Pub. L. 89–554, §7(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 631, the first section of which enacted Title 5, Government Organization and Employees:

In subsecs. (c) and (d), "chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5" substituted for "the Classification Act of 1949".

In subsec. (d)(2), "section 3109 of title 5" substituted for "section 15 of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946 (5 U.S.C. 55a)".

In subsec. (e), "subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5", "chapter 87 of title 5", and "subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5" substituted for "the Civil Service Retirement Act, as amended", "the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Act of 1954, as amended", and "the Travel Expense Act of 1949, as amended", respectively.

In subsec. (f), "the Executive Schedule of subchapter II of chapter 53 of title 5" substituted for "the Federal Executive Salary Schedule of the Federal Executive Salary Act of 1964".

Section was formerly classified to section 2376 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, §1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

#### Amendments

1966—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 89–733, §3, substituted "executive director" for "staff director".

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 89–733, §4, authorized the executive director of the Commission to be paid compensation at any rate not exceeding the rate prescribed for level V in the Federal Executive Salary Schedule.

1964—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 88–426 substituted "at a rate in excess of the highest rate of grade 18 of the General Schedule of the Classification Act of 1949, as amended" for "at a rate in excess of \$20,000 per annum".

## Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### Effective Date of 1964 Amendment

Amendment by Pub. L. 88-426 effective on first day of first pay period which begins on or after July 1, 1964, except to the extent provided in section 501(c) of Pub. L. 88-426, see section 501 of Pub. L. 88-426, title V, Aug. 14, 1964, 78 Stat. 435.

# References in Other Laws to GS–16, 17, or 18 Pay $$\rm Rates$$

References in laws to the rates of pay for GS-16, 17, or 18, or to maximum rates of pay under the General Schedule, to be considered references to rates payable under specified sections of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, see section 529 [title I, \$101(c)(1)] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out in a note under section 5376 of Title 5.

#### §4277. Compensation of members

(a) Members of the Commission who are Members of Congress, officers of the executive branch of the Federal Government, Governors, or fulltime salaries officers of city and county governments shall serve without compensation in addition to that received in their regular public employment, but shall be allowed necessary travel