

CHAPTER 21—NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

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Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2014—Pub. L. 113-187, §3(c)(2), Nov. 26, 2014, 128 Stat. 2008, substituted “Preservation of audio and visual records” for “Preservation of motion-picture films, still pictures, and sound recordings” in item 2114.

2008—Pub. L. 110-404, §4(c), Oct. 13, 2008, 122 Stat. 4283, added item 2120.

2004—Pub. L. 108-383, §5(b), Oct. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 2219, added item 2119.

1984—Pub. L. 98-497, title I, §102(c)(1), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2282, amended analysis generally, substituting “National Archives and Records” in chapter heading, adding items 2102 to 2106 and redesignating former items 2103 to 2114 as 2107 to 2118, respectively.

§ 2101. Definitions

As used in this chapter—

(1) “Presidential archival depository” means an institution operated by the United States to house and preserve the papers and books of a President or former President of the United States, together with other historical materials belonging to a President or former President of the United States, or related to his papers or to the events of his official or personal life, and may include research facilities and museum facilities in accordance with this chapter;

(2) “historical materials” including books, correspondence, documents, papers, pamphlets, works of art, models, pictures, photographs, plats, maps, films, motion pictures, sound recordings, and other objects or materials having historical or commemorative value;

(3) “Archivist” means the Archivist of the United States appointed under section 2103 of this title; and

(4) “Administration” means the National Archives and Records Administration established under section 2102 of this title.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1287; Pub. L. 98-497, title I, §102(b), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2282; Pub. L. 99-323, §2, May 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 495.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §397(j) (June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title V, §507, as added Sept. 5, 1950, ch. 849, §6(d), 64 Stat. 583, and amended July 12, 1962, ch. 703, §1(o), (p), 66 Stat. 594; July 12, 1955, ch. 329, 69 Stat. 297; Aug. 12, 1955, ch. 859, 69 Stat. 695; July 3, 1956, ch. 513, §4, 70 Stat. 494; June 13, 1957, Pub. L. 85-51, 71 Stat. 69; Mar. 15, 1958, Pub. L. 85-341, §1(1), 72 Stat. 34).

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1986—Par. (1). Pub. L. 99-323 inserted “, and may include research facilities and museum facilities in accordance with this chapter” after “or personal life”.

1984—Pub. L. 98-497 substituted “this chapter” for “sections 2103-2113 of this title”, designated two existing paragraphs as pars. (1) and (2), respectively, and added pars. (3) and (4).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-497 effective Apr. 1, 1985, see section 301 of Pub. L. 98-497, set out as a note under section 2102 of this title.

§ 2102. Establishment

There shall be an independent establishment in the executive branch of the Government to be known as the National Archives and Records Administration. The Administration shall be administered under the supervision and direction of the Archivist.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1287; Pub. L. 98-497, title I, §101, Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2280.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §391(a) (June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title I, §104, 63 Stat. 381).

This section incorporates only the last sentence of paragraph (a) of former section 391. The balance of that section will be found in sections 1506, 2301, 2501, and 2902 of the revision.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1984—Pub. L. 98-497 substituted provisions directing that there shall be an independent establishment in the executive branch of the Government to be known as the National Archives and Records Administration and that the Administration shall be administered under the supervision and direction of the Archivist for provisions which had formerly directed only that the Administrator of General Services appoint the Archivist of the United States.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 98-497, title III, §301, Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2295, provided that: “The provisions of this Act [enacting sections 2103 to 2106 of this title and provisions set out as notes under this section and section 101 of this title, redesignating existing sections 2103 to 2114 as sections 2107 to 2118 of this title, amending this section, sections 710, 711, 729, 1501 to 1503, 1506, 1714, 2101, 2107 to 2118, 2204, 2205, 2301 to 2305, 2307, 2501, 2504, 2506, 2901 to 2909, 3102 to 3106, 3302 to 3303a, 3308, 3310, 3311, 3504, and 3513 of this title, provisions set out as a note under section 2111 of this title, sections 106a, 106b, 112, 113, and 201 of Title 1, General Provisions, sections 6 and 11 to 13 of Title 3, The President, sections 141 to 145 of Title 4, Flag and Seal, Seat of Government, and the States,