PIROR PROVISIONS
Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in Pub. L. 107–56, title III, §316(a)–(c), Oct. 26, 2001, 115 Stat. 309, which was set out as a note under section 983 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 109–177, §406(b)(2).

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1Section catchline amended by Pub. L. 108–21 without corresponding amendment of chapter analysis.
2Section catchline amended by Pub. L. 111–203 without corresponding amendment of chapter analysis.

1037. Fraud and related activity in connection with electronic mail.
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Editorial Notes
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1967—Pub. L. 90–99, §24(e), May 25, 1967, 81 Stat. 28, included “Department of Housing and Urban Development” in item 1010, and substituted the same for “Public Housing Administration” in item 1012.
1949—Act May 24, 1949, ch. 139, §§18, 19, 63 Stat. 92, corrected spelling in item 1012 and substituted “officers” for “offices” in item 1019.

§1001. Statements or entries generally
(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, whoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the Government of the United States, knowingly and willfully—
(1) falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact;
(2) makes any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation; or
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(3) makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry;

shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 5 years or, if the offense involves international or domestic terrorism (as defined in section 2331), imprisoned not more than 8 years, or both. If the matter relates to an offense under chapter 109A, 109B, 110, or 117, or section 1591, then the term of imprisonment imposed under this section shall be not more than 8 years.

(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to a party to a judicial proceeding, or that party’s counsel, for statements, representations, writings or documents submitted by such party or counsel to a judicial proceeding, or that party’s counsel, pursuant to the authority of any committee, subcommittee, commission or office of the Congress, consistent with applicable rules of the House or Senate.


HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES


Section 80 of title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., was divided into two parts.

The provision relating to false claims was incorporated in section 267 of this title.

Reference to persons causing or procuring was omitted as unnecessary in view of definition of “principal” in section 2 of this title.

Words “or any corporation in which the United States of America is a stockholder” in said section 80 were omitted as unnecessary in view of definition of “agency” in section 6 of this title.

In addition to minor changes of phraseology, the maximum term of imprisonment was changed from 10 to 5 years to be consistent with comparable sections. (See reviser’s note under section 267 of this title.)

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2004—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108–458 substituted “be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 5 years or, if the offense involves international or domestic terrorism (as defined in section 2331), imprisoned not more than 8 years, or both” for “be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both” in concluding provisions.

1996—Pub. L. 104–292 reenacted section catchline without change and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Whoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact, or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations, or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.”

1994—Pub. L. 103–322 substituted “fined under this title” for “fined not more than $10,000”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

Reference to United States magistrate or to magistrate deemed to refer to United States magistrate pursuant to section 321 of Pub. L. 101–366, set out as a note under section 631 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

SHORT TITLE OF 2004 AMENDMENT


SHORT TITLE OF 2008 AMENDMENT


SHORT TITLE OF 2009 AMENDMENT


SHORT TITLE OF 1998 AMENDMENTS


SHORT TITLE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 104–292, §1, Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3459, provided that: “This Act [amending this section, sections 1515 and 6005 of this title, and section 1365 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure] may be cited as the ‘False Statements Accountability Act of 1996’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1994 AMENDMENT


HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES


Section 80 of title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., was divided into two parts.

The provision relating to false claims was incorporated in section 267 of this title.

Reference to persons causing or procuring was omitted as unnecessary in view of definition of “principal” in section 2 of this title.

Words “or any corporation in which the United States of America is a stockholder” in said section 80 were omitted as unnecessary in view of definition of “agency” in section 6 of this title.

In addition to minor changes of phraseology, the maximum term of imprisonment was changed from 10 to 5 years to be consistent with comparable sections. (See reviser’s note under section 267 of this title.)
be cited as the ‘Computer Fraud and Abuse Amendments Act of 1994’.”

**SHORT TITLE OF 1990 AMENDMENT**


**SHORT TITLE OF 1989 AMENDMENT**

Pub. L. 101–123, §1, Oct. 23, 1989, 103 Stat. 759, provided that: “This Act [amending section 1031 of this title, repealing section 293 of this title, enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 293 and 1031 of this title, and repealing provisions set out as a note under section 293 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Major Fraud Act Amendments of 1989’.”

**SHORT TITLE OF 1988 AMENDMENT**

Pub. L. 100–700, §1, Nov. 19, 1988, 102 Stat. 4631, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 293 and 1031 of this title and section 256 of Title 41, Public Contracts, amending section 2324 of Title 10, Armed Forces, and section 3710 of Title 31, Money and Finance, enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 293 and 1031 of this title, section 2324 of Title 10, and section 522 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure, and repealing provisions set out as a note under section 2324 of Title 10] may be cited as the ‘Major Fraud Act of 1988’.”

**SHORT TITLE OF 1986 AMENDMENT**


**SHORT TITLE OF 1984 AMENDMENT**


**SHORT TITLE OF 1982 AMENDMENT**


§ 1002. Possession of false papers to defraud United States

Whoever, knowingly and with intent to defraud the United States, or any agency thereof, possesses any false, altered, forged, or counterfeited writing or document for the purpose of enabling another to obtain from the United States, or from any agency, officer or agent thereof, any sum of money, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.


**HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES**

Based on title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., §79 (Mar. 4, 1909, ch. 321, §30, 33 Stat. 1094), and on similar sections. Words “prize money” were deleted on the ground that they are an anachronism and were so before 1909. Words “‘$5,000’ as being more in harmony with punishment provision of similar sections. The maximum term of “five years” was substituted for “ten years” and “$10,000" was substituted for "$5,000" as being more in harmony with punishment provision of similar sections. Minor changes in phraseology were made.

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1996—Pub. L. 104–294 substituted “$1,000” for “$1000”. Minor changes in phraseology were made.

§ 1003. Demands against the United States

Whoever knowingly and fraudulently demands or endeavors to obtain any share or sum in the public stocks of the United States, or to have any part thereof transferred, assigned, sold, or conveyed, or to have any annuity, dividend, pension, wages, gratuity, or other debt due from the United States, or any part thereof, received, or paid by virtue of any false, forged, or counterfeited power of attorney, authority, or instrument, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than five years, or both; but if the sum or value so obtained or attempted to be obtained does not exceed $1,000, he shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.


**HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES**

Based on title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., §79 (Mar. 4, 1909, ch. 321, §34, 33 Stat. 1095), and on similar sections. Words “prize money” were deleted on the ground that they are an anachronism and were so before 1909. Words “$p1,000' as being more in harmony with punishment provision of similar sections. The smaller punishment for an offense involving $100 or less was added. The maximum term of “five years” was substituted for “ten years” and “$10,000” was substituted for "$5,000" as being more in harmony with punishment provision of similar sections. Minor changes in phraseology were made.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104–294 substituted “$1,000” for “$1000”. Minor changes in phraseology were made.

§ 1004. Certification of checks

Whoever, being an officer, director, agent, or employee of any Federal Reserve bank, member bank of the Federal Reserve System, insured bank (as defined in section 1818 of this title), branch or agency of a foreign bank (as such terms are defined in paragraphs (1) and (3) of section 1(b) of the International Banking Act of 1978), or organization based on title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., §74 (Mar. 4, 1909, ch. 321, §30, 33 Stat. 1094), and on similar sections. Words “or any agency thereof” after “United States” and word “agency” after “any” and before “officer,” were inserted to eliminate any possible ambiguity as to scope of section. (See definition of “agency” in section 6 of this title.) The maximum fine of “$10,000” was substituted for “$500” in order to conform punishment provisions to those of comparable sections. Minor verbal change was made.