

**§ 1724. Responsibilities of Board****(a) Review and recommendation of nominations for National Recording Registry****(1) In general**

The Board shall review nominations of sound recordings submitted to it for inclusion in the National Recording Registry and advise the Librarian, as provided in subchapter I, with respect to the inclusion of such recordings in the Registry and the preservation of these and other sound recordings that are culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant.

**(2) Source of nominations**

The Board shall consider for inclusion in the National Recording Registry nominations submitted by the general public as well as representatives of sound recording archives and the sound recording industry (such as the guilds and societies representing sound recording artists) and other creative artists.

**(b) Study and report on sound recording preservation and restoration**

The Board shall conduct a study and issue a report on the following issues:

(1) The current state of sound recording archiving, preservation and restoration activities.

(2) Taking into account the research and other activities carried out by or on behalf of the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center at Culpeper, Virginia—

(A) the methodology and standards needed to make the transition from analog “open reel” preservation of sound recordings to digital preservation of sound recordings; and

(B) standards for access to preserved sound recordings by researchers, educators, and other interested parties.

(3) The establishment of clear standards for copying old sound recordings (including equipment specifications and equalization guidelines).

(4) Current laws and restrictions regarding the use of archives of sound recordings, including recommendations for changes in such laws and restrictions to enable the Library of Congress and other nonprofit institutions in the field of sound recording preservation to make their collections available to researchers in a digital format.

(5) Copyright and other laws applicable to the preservation of sound recordings.

(Pub. L. 106-474, title I, §124, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2089.)

**§ 1725. General powers of Board****(a) In general**

The Board may, for the purpose of carrying out its duties, hold such hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such testimony, and receive such evidence, as the Librarian and the Board consider appropriate.

**(b) Service on Foundation**

Two sitting members of the Board shall be appointed by the Librarian and shall serve as

members of the board of directors of the National Recording Preservation Foundation, in accordance with section 152403 of title 36.

(Pub. L. 106-474, title I, §125, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2090.)

**SUBCHAPTER IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS****§ 1741. Definitions**

As used in this chapter:

(1) The term “Librarian” means the Librarian of Congress.

(2) The term “Board” means the National Recording Preservation Board.

(3) The term “sound recording” has the meaning given such term in section 101 of title 17.

(4) The term “publication” has the meaning given such term in section 101 of title 17.

(5) The term “Registry version” means, with respect to a sound recording, the version of a recording first published or offered for mass distribution whether as a publication or as a broadcast, or as complete a version as bona fide preservation and restoration activities by the Librarian, an archivist other than the Librarian, or the copyright legal owner can compile in those cases where the original material has been irretrievably lost or the recording is unpublished.

(Pub. L. 106-474, title I, §131, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2090.)

**§ 1742. Staff; experts and consultants****(a) Staff**

The Librarian may appoint and fix the pay of such personnel as the Librarian considers appropriate to carry out this chapter.

**(b) Experts and consultants**

The Librarian may, in carrying out this chapter, procure temporary and intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the daily equivalent of the maximum rate of basic pay payable for level 15 of the General Schedule. In no case may a member of the Board (including an alternate member) be paid as an expert or consultant under this section.

(Pub. L. 106-474, title I, §132, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2091.)

**Editorial Notes****REFERENCES IN TEXT**

The General Schedule, referred to in subsec. (b), is set out under section 5332 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

**§ 1743. Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Librarian for the first fiscal year beginning on or after November 9, 2000, and each succeeding fiscal year through fiscal year 2026 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this chapter, except that the amount authorized for any fiscal year may not exceed \$250,000.

(Pub. L. 106-474, title I, §133, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2091; Pub. L. 110-336, §2(a)(1)(A), Oct. 2,