

set out as a note under section 178 of this title, was to be cited as the “National Film Preservation Act of 1992”, was repealed by Pub. L. 104-285, title I, § 114, Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3382.

§ 179f. National Film Registry of Library of Congress

The Librarian of Congress (hereafter in sections 179f to 179w of this title referred to as the “Librarian”) shall continue the National Film Registry established and maintained under the National Film Preservation Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-446), and the National Film Preservation Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-307) pursuant to the provisions of sections 179f to 179w of this title, for the purpose of maintaining and preserving films that are culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant.

(Pub. L. 104-285, title I, § 102, Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3377.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Sections 179f to 179w of the title, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act” the first place appearing and “this title” the second place appearing, both of which were translated as meaning title I of Pub. L. 104-285, Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3377, which is classified principally to sections 179f to 179w of this title. For complete classification of title I to the Code, see Short Title note below and Tables.

The National Film Preservation Act of 1988, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 100-446, title I, §§ 1-13, Sept. 27, 1988, 102 Stat. 1782-1788, which was classified to sections 178 to 178f of this title and was repealed by Pub. L. 102-307, title II, § 214, June 26, 1992, 106 Stat. 272.

The National Film Preservation Act of 1992, referred to in text, is title II of Pub. L. 102-307, June 26, 1992, 106 Stat. 267, which was classified principally to sections 179 to 179k of this title and was repealed by Pub. L. 104-285, title I, § 114, Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3382.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior provisions similar to sections 179f to 179w of this title were contained in former section 179 et seq. of this title.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

SHORT TITLE OF 2016 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 114-217, § 1, July 29, 2016, 130 Stat. 840, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 179v and 1743 of this title and sections 151711, 152403, and 152411 of Title 36, Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations] may be cited as the ‘Library of Congress Sound Recording and Film Preservation Programs Reauthorization Act of 2016’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 110-336, § 1, Oct. 2, 2008, 122 Stat. 3726, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 179m, 179n, 179v, 179w, 1722, and 1743 of this title and sections 151702, 151703, 151711, 152403, 152405, 152406, and 152411 of Title 36, Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 179v and 1743 of this title and section 152411 of Title 36] may be cited as the ‘Library of Congress Sound Recording and Film Preservation Programs Reauthorization Act of 2008’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 2005 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-9, title III, § 301, Apr. 27, 2005, 119 Stat. 224, provided that: “This subtitle [subtitle A (§§ 301, 302) of title III of Pub. L. 109-9, amending sections 179m, 179n,

179p, 179q, and 179w of this title] may be cited as the ‘National Film Preservation Act of 2005’.”

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 104-285, title I, § 101, Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3377, provided that: “This title [enacting this section and sections 179m to 179w of this title and repealing sections 179 to 179k of this title and provisions set out as a note under section 179 of this title] may be cited as the ‘National Film Preservation Act of 1996’.”

§ 179m. Duties of Librarian of Congress

(a) Powers

(1) In general

The Librarian shall, after consultation with the Board established pursuant to section 179n of this title—

(A) continue the implementation of the comprehensive national film preservation program for motion pictures established under the National Film Preservation Act of 1992, in conjunction with other film archivists, educators and historians, copyright owners, film industry representatives, and others involved in activities related to film preservation, taking into account the objectives of the national film preservation study and the comprehensive national plan conducted under the National Film Preservation Act of 1992. This program shall—

(i) coordinate activities to assure that efforts of archivists and copyright owners, and others in the public and private sector, are effective and complementary;

(ii) generate public awareness of and support for these activities;

(iii) increase accessibility of films for educational purposes; and

(iv) undertake studies and investigations of film preservation activities as needed, including the efficacy of new technologies, and recommend solutions to improve these practices;

(B) establish criteria and procedures under which films may be included in the National Film Registry, except that no film shall be eligible for inclusion in the National Film Registry until 10 years after such film’s first publication;

(C) establish procedures under which the general public may make recommendations to the Board regarding the inclusion of films in the National Film Registry; and

(D) determine which films satisfy the criteria established under subparagraph (B) and qualify for inclusion in the National Film Registry, except that the Librarian shall not select more than 25 films each year for inclusion in the Registry.

(2) Publication of films in Registry

The Librarian shall publish in the Federal Register the name of each film that is selected for inclusion in the National Film Registry.

(3) Seal

The Librarian shall provide a seal to indicate that a film has been included in the National Film Registry and is the Registry version of that film. The Librarian shall establish guidelines for approval of the use of the seal in accordance with subsection (b).