

**Editorial Notes****PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 2304 was renumbered section 2305 of this title.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****EFFECTIVE DATE**

Pub. L. 112-199, title I, §109(c), Nov. 27, 2012, 126 Stat. 1471, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section and renumbering sections 2304 and 2305 of this title as sections 2305 and 2306, respectively, of this title] shall take effect on the date of enactment of this section [Nov. 27, 2012].”

**§ 2305. Responsibility of the Government Accountability Office**

If requested by either House of the Congress (or any committee thereof), or if considered necessary by the Comptroller General, the Government Accountability Office shall conduct audits and reviews to assure compliance with the laws, rules, and regulations governing employment in the executive branch and in the competitive service and to assess the effectiveness and soundness of Federal personnel management.

(Added Pub. L. 95-454, title I, §101(a), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1118, §2304; amended Pub. L. 102-378, §2(6), Oct. 2, 1992, 106 Stat. 1346; Pub. L. 104-66, title II, §2181(e), Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 732; Pub. L. 108-271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814; renumbered §2305, Pub. L. 112-199, title I, §109(a)(1), Nov. 27, 2012, 126 Stat. 1470.)

**Editorial Notes****PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 2305 was renumbered section 2306 of this title.

**AMENDMENTS**

2012—Pub. L. 112-199 renumbered section 2304 of this title as this section.

2004—Pub. L. 108-271 substituted “Government Accountability Office” for “General Accounting Office” in section catchline and text.

1995—Pub. L. 104-66 struck out subsec. (a) designation before “If requested by” and struck out subsec. (b) which read as follows: “The General Accounting Office shall prepare and submit an annual report to the President and the Congress on the activities of the Merit Systems Protection Board and the Office of Personnel Management. The report shall include a description of—

“(1) significant actions taken by the Board to carry out its functions under this title; and

“(2) significant actions of the Office of Personnel Management, including an analysis of whether or not the actions of the Office are in accord with merit system principles and free from prohibited personnel practices.”

1992—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-378 substituted “The” for “the” at beginning of first sentence.

**§ 2306. Coordination with certain other provisions of law**

No provision of this chapter, or action taken under this chapter, shall be construed to impair the authorities and responsibilities set forth in section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947 (61 Stat. 495; 50 U.S.C. 403),<sup>1</sup> the Central Intel-

ligence Agency Act of 1949 (63 Stat. 208; 50 U.S.C. 403a and following),<sup>1</sup> the Act entitled “An Act to provide certain administrative authorities for the National Security Agency, and for other purposes”, approved May 29, 1959 (73 Stat. 63; 50 U.S.C. 402 note),<sup>1</sup> and the Act entitled “An Act to amend the Internal Security Act of 1950”, approved March 26, 1964 (78 Stat. 168; 50 U.S.C. 831-835).

(Added Pub. L. 95-454, title I, §101(a), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1118, §2305; renumbered §2306, Pub. L. 112-199, title I, §109(a)(1), Nov. 27, 2012, 126 Stat. 1470.)

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

The National Security Act of 1947, referred to in text, is act July 26, 1947, ch. 343, 61 Stat. 495, which was formerly classified principally to chapter 15 (§401 et seq.) of Title 50, War and National Defense, prior to editorial reclassification in chapter 44 (§3001 et seq.) of Title 50. Section 102 of the Act was repealed by Pub. L. 104-293, title VIII, §805(a), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3477, another section 102 was repealed by Pub. L. 108-458, title I, §1011(a), 1097(a), Dec. 17, 2004, 118 Stat. 3643, 3698, and subsequently another section 102, as added by Pub. L. 108-458, title I, §1011(a), Dec. 17, 2004, 118 Stat. 3644, was classified to section 403 of Title 50 prior to editorial reclassification to section 3023 of Title 50. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

The Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, referred to in text, is act June 20, 1949, ch. 227, 63 Stat. 208, which was formerly classified generally to section 403a et seq. of Title 50, War and National Defense, prior to editorial reclassification in Title 50, and is now classified generally to chapter 46 (§3501 et seq.) of Title 50. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

The Act entitled “An Act to provide certain administrative authorities for the National Security Agency, and for other purposes”, approved May 29, 1959, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 86-36, May 29, 1959, 73 Stat. 63, which was formerly set out as a note under section 402 of Title 50, War and National Defense, prior to editorial reclassification in Title 50, and is now classified generally to chapter 47 (§3601 et seq.) of Title 50. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

The Act entitled “An Act to amend the Internal Security Act of 1950”, approved March 26, 1964, referred to in text, is act Sept. 23, 1950, ch. 1024, title III, as added Mar. 26, 1964, Pub. L. 88-290, 78 Stat. 168, which is classified principally to subchapter III (§831 et seq.) of chapter 23 of Title 50. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

**AMENDMENTS**

2012—Pub. L. 112-199 renumbered section 2305 of this title as this section.

**[§ 2307. Repealed. Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title X, § 1097(b)(1)(A), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1616]**

Section, added Pub. L. 115-73, title I, §107(b), Oct. 26, 2017, 131 Stat. 1239, related to information on whistleblower protections and agency responsibilities.

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##### AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-454, title IX, §906(a)(16), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1226, substituted “Office of Personnel Management” for “Civil Service Commission” in item 2951.

#### SUBCHAPTER I—COMMISSIONS, OATHS, AND RECORDS

### § 2901. Commission of an officer

The President may make out and deliver, after adjournment of the Senate, the commission of an officer whose appointment has been confirmed by the Senate.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 411.)

##### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Derivation</i>	<i>U.S. Code</i>	<i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>
.....	5 U.S.C. 10.	R.S. §1773.

The words “confirmed by” are substituted for “advised and consented to”.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

### § 2902. Commission; where recorded

(a) Except as provided by subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the Secretary of State shall make out and record, and affix the seal of the United States to, the commission of an officer appointed by the President. The seal of the United States may not be affixed to the commission before the commission has been signed by the President.

(b) The commission of an officer in the civil service or uniformed services under the control of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of a military department, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Homeland Security, or the Secretary of the Treasury shall be made out and recorded in the department in which he is to serve under the seal of that department. The departmental seal may not be affixed to the commission before the commission has been signed by the President.

(c) The commissions of judicial officers and United States attorneys and marshals, appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and other commissions which before August 8, 1888, were prepared at the Department of State on the requisition of the Attorney General, shall be made out and recorded in the Department of Justice under the seal of that department and countersigned by the Attorney General. The departmental seal

may not be affixed to the commission before the commission has been signed by the President.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 411; Pub. L. 94-183, §2(3), Dec. 31, 1975, 89 Stat. 1057; Pub. L. 109-241, title IX, §902(a)(2), July 11, 2006, 120 Stat. 566.)

##### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Derivation</i>	<i>U.S. Code</i>	<i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>
(a) .....	4 U.S.C. 42 (as applicable to civil commissions).	[None.]
(b) .....	5 U.S.C. 11.	Mar. 3, 1875, ch. 131, §14, 18 Stat. 420. Mar. 28, 1896, ch. 73, 29 Stat. 75. Mar. 3, 1905, ch. 1422, 33 Stat. 990.
(c) .....	5 U.S.C. 12.	Aug. 8, 1888, ch. 786, 25 Stat. 387.

In subsection (a), the words “Except as provided by subsections (b) and (c) of this section,” are added on authority of former sections 11 and 12, which are codified in subsections (b) and (c) of this section. The words “the commission of an officer” are substituted for “all civil commissions for officers of the United States” because of the definition of “officer” in section 2104. The words “by the President” are coextensive with and substituted for “by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, or by the President alone”.

In subsection (b), the words “officer in the civil service or uniformed services” are substituted for “officer” because of the definition of “officer” in section 2104. The words “direction and” are omitted as included within “the control”. The words “the Secretary of Defense” are added on authority of the Acts of July 26, 1947, ch. 343, §305(a), 61 Stat. 508, and Aug. 10, 1949, ch. 412, §12(g), 63 Stat. 591. The words “the Secretary of a military department” are substituted for “the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy” (appearing in the Act of Mar. 28, 1896) because of the definition of “military department” in section 102. The title of the Secretary of War was changed to Secretary of the Army by the Act of July 26, 1947, ch. 343, §205, 61 Stat. 501. “Secretary of the Air Force” is included on authority of the Act of July 26, 1947, ch. 343, §207(a), (f), 61 Stat. 502. The words “Secretary of Commerce” are substituted for “Secretary of Commerce and Labor” on authority of the Act of Mar. 4, 1913, ch. 141, §1, 37 Stat. 736. The words “under the departmental seal” are substituted for “and the departmental seal affixed thereto”. The words “any laws to the contrary notwithstanding” are omitted as unnecessary. The last sentence of section 14 of the Act of Mar. 3, 1875, is omitted as executed.

In subsection (c), the words “and shall be” and “any laws to the contrary notwithstanding” are omitted as unnecessary.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

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##### AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-241 inserted “the Secretary of Homeland Security,” after “the Secretary of the Interior,”.

1975—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-183 struck out “the Postmaster General,” after “under the control of”.

### § 2903. Oath; authority to administer

(a) The oath of office required by section 3331 of this title may be administered by an individual authorized by the laws of the United