

Use of alternate materials, etc.

Sites.

Obligation of appropriations.

for rental housing under this title and other services in connection therewith: *Provided*, That such plans, drawings, and specifications may include the use on any project to be constructed under this title of alternate materials or alternate types of construction, including prefabrication, that provide substantially equal value and conform to standards established by the Federal Housing Administration: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may designate certain sites or parts thereof for rental housing to be furnished from prefabricated houses or housing components. Such arrangements may include provision for advance or progress payments, for payment by third parties, for payment by the Government of any such compensation as is not paid for by third parties, and shall include provision for reimbursement by third parties to the Government of any compensation or other expenses paid by the Government pursuant to this section, and may include other provisions for compensation. The Secretary is further authorized to advance or pay to the Federal Housing Administration its 'Appraisal and Eligibility Statement' fees in connection with such rental housing. The Secretary is further authorized to procure options from private parties for the acquisition by third parties of off-installation sites intended for such rental housing. The Secretary is further authorized to enter into arrangements by contract or otherwise for eventual acquisition by the Government, without cost to the Government, of all right, title, and interest in sites on which housing is constructed pursuant to this title and improvements thereon. Any public-works appropriations now or hereafter available to the Departments of the Army, Navy, or Air Force may be obligated by the respective departments for these purposes. Reimbursements to the Government on account of payments made pursuant to this section shall be made to appropriations against which such payments were charged."

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[CHAPTER 152]

AN ACT

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To provide for the liquidation of the trusts under the transfer agreements with State rural rehabilitation corporations, and for other purposes.

Rural Rehabilitation Corporation Trust Liquidation Act.

Authority of Secretary of Agriculture.

Conversion of assets.

Applications for return of properties.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Rural Rehabilitation Corporation Trust Liquidation Act".

SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") is hereby authorized and directed to take such action as may be appropriate and necessary to liquidate, as expeditiously as possible but within three years from the effective date of this Act, trusts under the transfer agreements with the several State rural rehabilitation corporations, and is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate with responsible officials to that end.

(b) The Secretary, insofar as is necessary to protect the interests of the United States and the corporations shall proceed forthwith to the conversion to cash of investments constituting the trust assets by sale of real and personal properties, and by collection of loans and accounts receivable according to the tenor of such obligations.

(c) An application for the return of such properties may be made to the Secretary by the State rural rehabilitation corporation pursuant to appropriate resolution of its board of directors. The application shall contain a covenant, binding upon the applicant when accepted by the Secretary on behalf of the United States, that the applicant will abide by the determinations and apportionments of the Secretary provided for in this Act and the payments made by

the Secretary pursuant to this Act, that the returned assets and the income therefrom will be used only for such of the rural rehabilitation purposes permissible under the corporation's charter as may from time to time be agreed upon by the applicant and the Secretary; and that not to exceed 3 per centum of the book value of the corporation's assets will be expended by the applicant for administrative purposes during any year, without the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture. If the rural rehabilitation corporation of any State has been dissolved and is not revived or reincorporated or, for any other reason, is unable to make such application or to accept and administer such properties, the application and subsequent agreements (conforming to the second sentence of this subsection) may be made by such other agency or official of that State as may be designated by the State legislature. The Secretary may transfer the trust funds or properties of such corporation to such successor agency or official if adequate provisions are made by the State legislature for holding the United States and the Secretary free from liability by virtue of the transfer to such successor agency or official.

(d) Except as hereinafter provided, upon receipt of appropriate application meeting the requirements of this Act, the Secretary shall do all things necessary to return to each such applicant all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to all cash, real and personal property, or the proceeds thereof, held on the date of the approval of this Act by the Secretary as trustee for the account of such State corporation, except that the Secretary may deduct from the funds of each such State corporation the expenses incident to completion of such transfer: *Provided*, That such transfer shall, insofar as possible, be accomplished in a manner consistent with the provisions of the trust agreement with each State rural rehabilitation corporation.

(e) In the event no application is made, as provided for in this Act, within three years from the effective date hereof or upon receipt of a disclaimer or release of interest under the trust transfer agreement by any State through its legislature, the Secretary shall cause all proceeds from assets held under or for the account of the transfer agreement with that State to be covered into miscellaneous receipts in the United States Treasury.

(f) The Secretary is authorized to enter into agreements with any State rural rehabilitation corporation or other State agency or official having jurisdiction of the trust assets which have been returned pursuant to application made therefor under section 2 (c) hereof, and upon such terms and conditions and for such periods of time as may be mutually agreeable, to accept, administer, expend and use in such State all or any part of such trust assets or any other funds of such State rural rehabilitation corporation or State agency, which are transferred to the Secretary for carrying out the purposes of titles I and II of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act and in accordance with the applicable provisions of title IV thereof as now or hereafter amended. Funds appropriated for the administration of said Act shall also be available for carrying out such agreements.

SEC. 3. The provisions of this Act shall apply also to all properties and assets of State rural rehabilitation corporations held by Federal agencies other than the Department of Agriculture under the provisions of Executive Order Numbered 9070, or otherwise. For the purposes of this Act the assets of other corporations, derived through the use of Federal Emergency Relief Administration funds, and made available to them through State rural rehabilitation corporations or otherwise acquired by them for rural rehabilitation purposes, shall be considered as a part of the trust property of the State rural rehabilitation corporations in their respective States.

Transfer of trust funds, etc., to successor agency.

Return of property to applicants.

Nonapplication, effect.

Agreements with State agencies.

50 Stat. 522, 524, 527.
7 U. S. C. §§ 1001-1005d, 1007-1009; 1014-1029; Sup. III, § 1001 *et seq.*

Ante, p. 73; *post*, p. 100.

Assets held by other Federal agencies.

50 U. S. C. app. § 601 note; Sup. III, § 601 note.

Powers of Secretary.

SEC. 4. For the purposes of this Act, the Secretary shall have the power to—

(a) employ on a contract basis (without regard to the provisions of the civil-service laws or the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, but the contract shall in each case specify what civil service and related laws, if any, shall be applicable to the employment after it has been made) such appraisers, accountants, attorneys, and other personnel as he may deem necessary, in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, to aid in the liquidation and transfer of the properties and assets pursuant to this Act, and in the entering into of agreements with the corporations, or other agencies or officials designated pursuant to section 2 (c) hereof, regarding the rural rehabilitation purposes for which the property and assets shall thereafter be used by them, and in determining that such agreed purposes are being carried out. The fees, salaries, and expenses of such appraisers, accountants, attorneys, and other personnel shall be equitably apportioned by the Secretary among the respective corporations and the amount so determined to be applicable to each such corporation shall be paid by the Secretary from the trust fund of such corporation until the trust is liquidated, and thereafter by the corporation or other agency or official designated pursuant to section 2 (c) hereof. Attorneys so employed, and their fees and expenses, shall be subject to the approval and under the supervision of the Solicitor of the Department of Agriculture;

(b) accept and utilize voluntary and uncompensated services, and with the consent of the agency concerned, utilize the officers, employees, equipment, and information of any agency of the Federal Government, or of any State, Territory, or political subdivision;

(c) make such rules and regulations and such delegations of authority as he deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Use of assets by Secretary, restriction.

SEC. 5. None of the properties or assets held on the date of the approval of this Act by the Secretary as trustee pursuant to trust agreements with the various State rural rehabilitation corporations may be used by the Secretary for any purpose after the effective date of this Act, except for the purposes authorized under section 2 (d) of this Act, and for loans made prior to July 1, 1949, and to be repaid in full no later than May 1, 1952, but otherwise consistent with the provisions of title II of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended (7 U. S. C. A. 1007), where necessary to supplement credit already extended to borrowers from corporation trust funds.

50 Stat. 524.
7 U. S. C. §§ 1007-1009.

Finality of determinations.

SEC. 6. (a) The determination of the Secretary with respect to the assets to be returned to each State rural rehabilitation corporation or other agency or official designated pursuant to section 2 (c) hereof including, but not limited to interests in properties held jointly for such corporation and the United States, the partition of real property, the expenses incident to each transfer, the liabilities applicable to such properties, and all other phases of the transfer shall be final and conclusive upon each State rural rehabilitation corporation or such successor agency or official designated pursuant to section 2 (c) hereof, and upon all officers and agencies of the United States.

(b) The Secretary shall be saved harmless against any personal liability he may incur in carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Repeal.
60 Stat. 1064.
7 U. S. C. § 1001 note.
Ante, p. 73.

SEC. 7. Section 2 (f) of the Act of August 14, 1946 (60 Stat. 1062), is hereby repealed.

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