

Section 179k, Pub. L. 102-307, title II, §213, June 26, 1992, 106 Stat. 272, provided that sections 179 to 179k of this title were effective for 4 years beginning June 26, 1992, and applicable to any copy of any film, including copies of films selected for inclusion in National Film Registry under National Film Preservation Act of 1988.

For similar provisions, see section 179I et seq. of this title.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 102-307, title II, §201, June 26, 1992, 106 Stat. 267, which provided that title II of Pub. L. 102-307, which enacted sections 179 to 179k of this title and repealed sections 178 to 178I of this title and provisions set out as a note under section 178 of this title, was to be cited as the “National Film Preservation Act of 1992”, was repealed by Pub.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.

#### § 179I. National Film Registry of Library of Congress

The Librarian of Congress (hereafter in sections 179I 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 179I 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 179I 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 179I 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I, §§1-13, Sept. 27, 1988, 102 Stat. 1782-1788, which was classified to sections 178 to 178I of this title and was repealed by Pub.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102-307, June 26, 1992, 106 Stat. 267, which was classified principally to sections 179 to 179k of this title and was repealed by Pub.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 179I 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).

**(b) Use of seal**

The seal provided under subsection (a)(3) may only be used on film or other approved copies of the Registry version of a film. Such seal may be used only after the Librarian has given approval to those persons seeking to apply the seal in accordance with the guidelines under subsection (a)(3). In the case of copyrighted, mass distributed, broadcast, or published works, only the copyright owner or an authorized licensee of the copyright owner may place or authorize the placement of the seal on any film or other approved copy of a Registry version of a film selected for inclusion in the National Film Registry, and the Librarian may place the seal on any film or other approved copy of the Registry version of any film that is maintained in the National Film Registry Collection in the Library of Congress. Anyone authorized to place the seal on any film or other approved copy of any Registry version of a film may accompany such seal with the following language: "This film was selected for inclusion in the National Film Registry by the National Film Preservation Board of the Library of Congress because of its cultural, historical, or aesthetic significance.". The Librarian may authorize the use of the seal by the Library or by others for other limited purposes in order to promote in the National Film Registry when exhibiting, showing, or otherwise disseminating films in the Registry.

**(c) Coordination of program with other collection, preservation, and accessibility activities**

In carrying out the comprehensive national film preservation program for motion pictures established under the National Film Preservation Act of 1992, the Librarian, in consultation with the Board established pursuant to section 179n of this title, shall—

(1) carry out activities to make films included in the National Film registry more broadly accessible for research and educational purposes, and to generate public awareness and support of the Registry and the comprehensive national film preservation program;

(2) review the comprehensive national film preservation plan, and amend it to the extent necessary to ensure that it addresses technological advances in the preservation and storage of, and access to film collections in multiple formats; and

(3) wherever possible, undertake expanded initiatives to ensure the preservation of the moving image heritage of the United States, including film, videotape, television, and born digital moving image formats, by supporting the work of the National Audio-Visual Con-

servation Center of the Library of Congress, and other appropriate nonprofit archival and preservation organizations.

(Pub. L. 104-285, title I, §103, Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3377; Pub. L. 109-9, title III, §302(a), Apr. 27, 2005, 119 Stat. 224; Pub. L. 110-336, §3(a)(2), Oct. 2, 2008, 122 Stat. 3727.)

**Editorial Notes**

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Film Preservation Act of 1992, referred to in subsecs. (a)(1)(A) and (c), 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.

## AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110-336 inserted at end "The Librarian may authorize the use of the seal by the Library or by others for other limited purposes in order to promote in the National Film Registry when exhibiting, showing, or otherwise disseminating films in the Registry."

2005—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-9, §302(a)(1), substituted "film or other approved copies" for "film copies" and "copyrighted, mass distributed, broadcast, or published" for "copyrighted" and substituted "film or other approved copy" for "film copy" wherever appearing.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109-9, §302(a)(2), added subsec. (c).

**§ 179n. National Film Preservation Board****(a) Number and appointment****(1) Members**

The Librarian shall establish in the Library of Congress a National Film Preservation Board to be comprised of 22 members, who shall be selected by the Librarian in accordance with this section. Subject to subparagraphs (C) and (N), the Librarian shall request each organization listed in subparagraphs (A) through (Q) to submit a list of three candidates qualified to serve as a member of the Board. Except for the members-at-large appointed under subparagraph<sup>1</sup> (2), the Librarian shall appoint one member from each such list submitted by such organizations, and shall designate from that list an alternate who may attend at Board expense those meetings to which the individual appointed to the Board cannot attend. The organizations are the following:

(A) The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

(B) The Directors Guild of America.

(C) The Writers Guild of America. The Writers Guild of America East and the Writers Guild of America West shall each nominate three candidates, and a representative from one organization shall be selected as the member and a representative from the other organization as the alternate.

(D) The National Society of Film Critics.

(E) The Society for Cinema and Media Studies.

(F) The American Film Institute.

(G) The Department of Film, Television, and Digital Media of the School of Theater,

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be "paragraph".