

**§ 1465b. Cuba Service**

The Broadcasting Board of Governors shall establish within the International Broadcasting Bureau a Cuba Service (hereafter in this section referred to as the “Service”). The Service shall be responsible for all radio broadcasts to Cuba authorized by section 1465a of this title. The Broadcasting Board of Governors shall appoint a head of the Service and shall employ such staff as the head of the Service may need to carry out his duties. The Cuba Service shall be administered separately from other Voice of America functions and the head of the Cuba Service shall report directly to the Board<sup>1</sup> of the International Broadcasting Bureau.

(Pub. L. 98–111, § 4, Oct. 4, 1983, 97 Stat. 750; Pub. L. 103–236, title III, § 305(e)(1), formerly § 305(d)(1), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 436; Pub. L. 105–277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XIII, §§ 1323(f)(1), 1324(3), (4), (6), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681–779, 2681–781.)

**REPEAL OF SECTION**

*Section repealed upon transmittal of determination by President under section 6063(c)(3) of this title that democratically elected government in Cuba is in power, see section 6037(c) of this title.*

**Editorial Notes****CODIFICATION**

Section was enacted as part of the Radio Broadcasting to Cuba Act which comprises this subchapter, and not as part of the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948 which comprises this chapter.

**AMENDMENTS**

1998—Pub. L. 105–277, § 1324(6), substituted “Board” for “Director” in last sentence.

Pub. L. 105–277, § 1324(4), which directed the amendment of this section by substituting “the International Broadcasting Bureau” for “the Voice of America”, was executed by making the substitution for text in two places to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Pub. L. 105–277, § 1324(3), which directed the substitution of “the Broadcasting Board of Governors” for “the Director of the United States Information Agency” each place it appears, was executed by substituting “Broadcasting Board of Governors” for “Director of the United States Information Agency” in two places, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

1994—Pub. L. 103–236 substituted “of the Voice of America” for “and the Associate Director for Broadcasting of the United States Information Agency”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****CHANGE OF NAME**

Broadcasting Board of Governors renamed United States Agency for Global Media pursuant to section 6204(a)(21) of this title. The renaming was effectuated by notice to congressional appropriations committees dated May 24, 2018, and became effective Aug. 22, 2018.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 105–277 effective Oct. 1, 1999, see section 1301 of Pub. L. 105–277, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6531 of this title.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. There is no Board of the International Broadcasting Bureau.

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pub. L. 114–323, title VII, § 703(b), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1941, as amended by Pub. L. 115–94, § 11, Dec. 18, 2017, 131 Stat. 2040, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any change to the Federal status of—

“(A) the Cuba Service established pursuant to section 4 of the Radio Broadcasting to Cuba Act (22 U.S.C. 1465b; Public Law 98–111) is prohibited unless such section is explicitly repealed and such service is dissolved by an Act of Congress enacted on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 16, 2016]; and

“(B) the Television Marti Service established by section 244(a) of Television Broadcasting to Cuba Act (22 U.S.C. 1465cc; Public Law 101–246) is prohibited unless such section is explicitly repealed and such service is dissolved by an Act of Congress enacted on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

“(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term ‘change to the Federal status’, with respect to a service referred to in subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1), includes privatization, subordination to a private or private-public entity, or merger with a private or public-private entity of such service.’”

**§ 1465c. Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting****(a) Establishment; membership; chairperson**

There is established within the Office of the President the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting (in this subchapter<sup>1</sup> referred to as the “Advisory Board”). The Advisory Board shall consist of nine members, appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, of whom not more than five shall be members of the same political party. The President shall designate one member of the Advisory Board to serve as chairperson.

**(b) Review; recommendations**

The Advisory Board shall review the effectiveness of the activities carried out under this subchapter and the Television Broadcasting to Cuba Act [22 U.S.C. 1465aa et seq.] and shall make recommendations to the President and the Broadcasting Advisory<sup>2</sup> Board of Governors as it may consider necessary.

**(c) Terms; vacancies**

In appointing the initial voting members of the Advisory Board, the President shall designate three members to serve for a term of three years, three members to serve for a term of two years, and three members to serve for a term of one year. Thereafter, the term of each member of the Advisory Board shall be three years. The President shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, members to fill vacancies occurring prior to the expiration of a term, in which case the members so appointed shall serve for the remainder of such term. Any member whose term has expired may serve until his successor has been appointed and qualified.

**(d) Ex officio members**

The head of the Cuba Service and the head of the Television Marti Service shall serve, ex officio, as members of the Advisory Board.

**(e) Compensation; travel expenses**

Members of the Advisory Board appointed by the President shall, while attending meetings of

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

<sup>2</sup> So in original. The word “Advisory” probably should not appear.