

House Document No. 103-7 (in which a report required under this section is listed on page 157), see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance.

### § 3007. Appropriations for Commission

#### (a) Authorization; disbursements

(1) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Commission for each fiscal year such sums as may be necessary to enable it to carry out its duties and functions. Appropriations to the Commission are authorized to remain available until expended.

(2) Appropriations to the Commission shall be disbursed on vouchers approved—

(A) jointly by the Chairman and the Co-chairman, or

(B) by a majority of the members of the personnel and administration committee established pursuant to section 3008(a) of this title.

#### (b) Use of foreign currencies

For purposes of section 1754(b) of this title, the Commission shall be deemed to be a standing committee of the Congress and shall be entitled to use funds in accordance with such sections.

#### (c) Official reception and representational expenses

Not to exceed \$6,000 of the funds appropriated to the Commission for each fiscal year may be used for official reception and representational expenses.

#### (d) Foreign travel for official purposes

Foreign travel for official purposes by Commission members and staff may be authorized by either the Chairman or the Cochairman.

(Pub. L. 94-304, § 7, June 3, 1976, 90 Stat. 662; Pub. L. 94-534, Oct. 17, 1976, 90 Stat. 2495; Pub. L. 95-426, title VII, § 702, Oct. 7, 1978, 92 Stat. 992; Pub. L. 96-60, title IV, § 401, Aug. 15, 1979, 93 Stat. 403; Pub. L. 99-7, §§ 3, 4, Mar. 27, 1985, 99 Stat. 19.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

1985—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-7, § 3, amended subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (a) read as follows: “There is authorized to be appropriated to the Commission for each fiscal year and to remain available until expended \$550,000 to assist in meeting the expenses of the Commission for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter, such appropriation to be disbursed on voucher to be approved by the Chairman of the Commission.”

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 99-7, § 4, added subsec. (d).

1979—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 96-60 added subsec. (c).

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-426 substituted “\$550,000” for “\$350,000”.

1976—Pub. L. 94-534 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-7 effective Apr. 15, 1985, see section 6(a) of Pub. L. 99-7, set out as a note under section 3002 of this title.

### § 3008. Commission staff

#### (a) Personnel and administration committee

The Commission shall have a personnel and administration committee composed of the

Chairman, the Cochairman, the senior Commission member from the minority party in the House of Representatives, and the senior Commission member from the minority party in the Senate.

#### (b) Committee functions

All decisions pertaining to the hiring, firing, and fixing of pay of Commission staff personnel shall be by a majority vote of the personnel and administration committee, except that—

(1) the Chairman shall be entitled to appoint and fix the pay of the staff director, and the Cochairman shall be entitled to appoint and fix the pay of his senior staff person; and

(2) the Chairman and Cochairman each shall have the authority to appoint, with the approval of the personnel and administration committee, at least four professional staff members who shall be responsible to the Chairman or the Cochairman (as the case may be) who appointed them.

The personnel and administration committee may appoint and fix the pay of such other staff personnel as it deems desirable.

#### (c) Staff appointments

All staff appointments shall be made without regard to the provisions of title 5 governing appointments in the competitive service, and without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification and general schedule pay rates.

#### (d) Commission employees as congressional employees

(1) For purposes of pay and other employment benefits, rights, and privileges and for all other purposes, any employee of the Commission shall be considered to be a congressional employee as defined in section 2107 of title 5.

(2) For purposes of section 3304(i)(1)<sup>1</sup> of title 5, staff personnel of the Commission shall be considered as if they are in positions in which they are paid by the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

(3) The provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection shall be effective as of June 3, 1976.

(Pub. L. 94-304, § 8, June 3, 1976, 90 Stat. 662; Pub. L. 99-7, § 5, Mar. 27, 1985, 99 Stat. 19; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, § 218(3), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1747; Pub. L. 118-188, § 2(a)(2)(B), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2645.)

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##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 3304(i)(1) of title 5, referred to in subsec. (d)(2), probably means section 3304(c)(1) of title 5 prior to the amendments made by Pub. L. 104-65, § 16(a), (b), Dec. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 703, which struck out section 3304(c) of title 5 and redesignated section 3304(d) of title 5 as 3304(c), and by Pub. L. 118-188, § 2(a)(1)(A), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2644, which redesignated section 3304(c) of title 5 as section 3304(i). Prior to these amendments, section 3304(c)(1) related to acquisition of competitive status by an individual who served for at least 3 years in the legislative branch in a position in which he was

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