

bered §7436, Pub. L. 104-168, title XII, §1203(a), July 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 1470; renumbered §7437, Pub. L. 105-34, title XIV, §1454(a), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 1055.)

### Editorial Notes

#### AMENDMENTS

1982—Par. (6). Pub. L. 97-258 substituted “section 3713(a) of title 31, United States Code” for “R.S. 3466 (31 U.S.C. 191)”. Notwithstanding the directory language that amendment be made to section 7430, the amendment was executed to this section to reflect the probable intent of Congress and the intervening renumbering of section 7430 as 7432 by Pub. L. 97-248.

1980—Par. (1). Pub. L. 96-589, §6(d)(1), added par. (1). Former par. (1), which provided cross reference to former section 35 of title 11 for exclusion of tax liability from discharge in bankruptcy, was struck out.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 96-589, §6(d)(1), (i)(13), added par. (2). Former par. (2), which provided cross reference to former section 93 of title 11 for limit on amount allowed in bankruptcy proceedings on debts owing to the United States, was struck out.

Par. (3). Pub. L. 96-589, §6(d)(1), (i)(13), added par. (3). Former par. (3), which provided cross reference to former section 107 of title 11 for recognition of tax liens in proceedings under the Bankruptcy Act, was struck out.

Par. (4). Pub. L. 96-589, §6(d)(1), (i)(13), added par. (4). Former par. (4), which provided for cross reference to former section 1080 of title 11 for collection of taxes in connection with wage earners’ plans in bankruptcy courts, was struck out.

1976—Par. (1). Pub. L. 94-455, §1906(a)(45)(A), struck out “52 Stat. 851;” before “11 U.S.C. 35”.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 94-455, §1906(a)(45)(B), struck out “52 Stat. 867;” before “11 U.S.C. 93”.

Par. (3). Pub. L. 94-455, §1906(a)(45)(C), struck out “52 Stat. 876-877;” before “11 U.S.C. 107”.

Par. (4). Pub. L. 94-455, §1906(a)(45)(D), struck out “52 Stat. 938;” before “11 U.S.C. 1080”.

### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-589 effective Oct. 1, 1979, but not applicable to proceedings under Title 11, Bankruptcy, commenced before Oct. 1, 1979, see section 7(e) of Pub. L. 96-589, set out as a note under section 108 of this title.

### Subchapter C—The Tax Court

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#### AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-455, title X, §1042(d)(2)(F), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1639, struck out in item relating to part IV “relating to qualification of certain retirement plans” after “Declaratory judgments”.

1974—Pub. L. 93-406, title II, §1041(c), Sept. 2, 1974, 88 Stat. 951, inserted item relating to part IV.

### PART I—ORGANIZATION AND JURISDICTION

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#### AMENDMENTS

2022—Pub. L. 117-328, div. T, title VII, §702(c), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 5404, added item 7447A.

2018—Pub. L. 115-141, div. U, title IV, §401(a)(326), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1200, substituted “Annuities to surviving spouses and dependent children of judges and special trial judges” for “Annuities of surviving spouses and dependent children” in item 7448.

2008—Pub. L. 110-458 repealed amendment made by section 856 of Pub. L. 109-280. See 2006 Amendment note below.

2006—Pub. L. 109-280, title VIII, §856(b), Aug. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 1019, added item 7443B. Pub. L. 110-458, title I, §108(f), Dec. 23, 2008, 122 Stat. 5110, repealed Pub. L. 109-280, §856, and provided that the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall be applied and administered as if such section had not been enacted.

Pub. L. 109-280, title VIII, §854(c)(2), Aug. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 1018, which directed amendment of item 7448 by inserting “and special trial judges” after “judges”, could not be executed because “judges” did not appear subsequent to amendment by Pub. L. 94-455. See 1976 Amendment note below.

1986—Pub. L. 99-514, title XV, §1556(b)(3), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2755, added item 7443A.

1976—Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1906(b)(10), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1834, substituted “Annuities of surviving spouses and dependent children” for “Annuities to widows and dependent children of judges” in item 7448.

1961—Pub. L. 87-370, §2, Oct. 4, 1961, 75 Stat. 801, added item 7448.

### § 7441. Status

There is hereby established, under article I of the Constitution of the United States, a court of record to be known as the United States Tax Court. The members of the Tax Court shall be the chief judge and the judges of the Tax Court. The Tax Court is not an agency of, and shall be independent of, the executive branch of the Government.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 879; Pub. L. 91-172, title IX, §951, Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 730; Pub. L. 114-113, div. Q, title IV, §441, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 3126.)

### Editorial Notes

#### AMENDMENTS

2015—Pub. L. 114-113 inserted at end “The Tax Court is not an agency of, and shall be independent of, the executive branch of the Government.”

1969—Pub. L. 91-172 substituted provisions establishing Tax Court as a Constitutional court, and enumerating the members that comprise its bench, for provisions continuing the Board of Tax Appeals, known as the Tax Court, as an independent agency in the Executive Branch of Government and enumerating the members that comprise its bench.

### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1969 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 91-172, title IX, §962(a), Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 736, provided that: “The amendments made by sections

951, 953, 954(c) and (e), 955, 956, 958, and 960(c), (d), (e), (g), and (j) [amending this section and sections 7443, 7447, 7448, 7456, 7471, and 7701 of this title] shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 30, 1969]."

#### REPORT ON INVENTORY OF CASES IN TAX COURT

Pub. L. 99-514, title XV, §1552(c), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2753, provided that: "The Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate and the Tax Court shall each prepare a report for 1987 and for each 2-calendar year period thereafter on the inventory of cases in the Tax Court and the measures to close cases more efficiently. Such reports shall be submitted to the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate."

#### CONTINUATION OF STATUS

Pub. L. 91-172, title IX, §961, Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 735, provided that: "The United States Tax Court established under the amendment made by section 951 [amending this section] is a continuation of the Tax Court of the United States as it existed prior to the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 30, 1969], the judges of the Tax Court of the United States immediately prior to the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 30, 1969] shall become the judges of the United States Tax Court upon the enactment of this Act, and no loss of rights or powers, interruption of jurisdiction, or prejudice to matters pending in the Tax Court of the United States before the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 30, 1969] shall result from the enactment of this Act."

### § 7442. Jurisdiction

The Tax Court and its divisions shall have such jurisdiction as is conferred on them by this title, by chapters 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939, by title II and title III of the Revenue Act of 1926 (44 Stat. 10-87), or by laws enacted subsequent to February 26, 1926.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 879.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939, referred to in text, were comprised of sections 1 to 482, 500 to 706, 800 to 939, and 1000 to 1031 of former Title 26, Internal Revenue Code. Chapters 1 and 2 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939 were repealed by section 7851(a)(1)(A) of this title, and chapters 3 and 4 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939 were repealed by section 7851(a)(2)(A) of this title. For table of comparisons of the 1939 Code to the 1986 Code, see Table I preceding section 1 of this title. See also section 7851(e) of this title for provision that references in the 1986 Code to a provision of the 1939 Code, not then applicable, shall be deemed a reference to the corresponding provision of the 1986 Code, which is then applicable.

The Revenue Act of 1926, referred to in text, is act Feb. 26, 1926, ch. 27, 44 Stat. 9. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

### § 7443. Membership

#### (a) Number

The Tax Court shall be composed of 19 members.

#### (b) Appointment

Judges of the Tax Court shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, solely on the grounds of fitness to perform the duties of the office.

#### (c) Salary

(1) Each judge shall receive salary at the same rate and in the same installments as judges of the district courts of the United States.

(2) For rate of salary and frequency of installment see section 135, title 28, United States Code, and section 5505, title 5, United States Code.

#### (d) Expenses for travel and subsistence

Judges of the Tax Court shall receive necessary traveling expenses, and expenses actually incurred for subsistence while traveling on duty and away from their designated stations, subject to the same limitations in amount as are now or may hereafter be applicable to the United States Court of International Trade.

#### (e) Term of office

The term of office of any judge of the Tax Court shall expire 15 years after he takes office.

#### (f) Removal from office

Judges of the Tax Court may be removed by the President, after notice and opportunity for public hearing, for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office, but for no other cause.

#### (g) Disbarment of removed judges

A judge of the Tax Court removed from office in accordance with subsection (f) shall not be permitted at any time to practice before the Tax Court.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 879; Mar. 2, 1955, ch. 9, §1(h), 69 Stat. 10; Pub. L. 88-426, title IV, §403(i), Aug. 14, 1964, 78 Stat. 434; Pub. L. 91-172, title IX, §§952, 953, Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 730; Pub. L. 96-417, title VI, §601(10), Oct. 10, 1980, 94 Stat. 1744; Pub. L. 96-439, §1(a), (b), Oct. 13, 1980, 94 Stat. 1878.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

1980—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-439, §1(a), increased number of judges from 16 to 19.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-439, §1(b), struck out age limitation that no one could be appointed a member of the Tax Court unless appointed before attaining age 65.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 96-417 substituted "Court of International Trade" for "Customs Court".

1969—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 91-172, §952(a), provided that an individual may not be appointed a judge of the Tax Court after reaching age 65.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 91-172, §953, substituted provisions fixing salary of Tax Court judges at the same rate and same installments as District Court judges, for provisions that each judge of the Tax Court receive a salary of \$30,000 per annum, to be paid in monthly installments.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 91-172, §952(b), substituted provisions that a term in office of any Tax Court judge would expire 15 years after he takes office, for provisions that a term in office of any Tax Court judge would expire 12 years after the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed, and any judge appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed would be appointed only for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

1964—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 88-426 increased salary of judges from \$22,500 to \$30,000.

1955—Subsec. (c). Act Mar. 2, 1955, increased salary of judges from \$15,000 to \$22,500.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENTS

Pub. L. 96-439, §1(c), Oct. 13, 1980, 94 Stat. 1878, provided that: "The amendments made by this section