

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
70901 .....	36:271. 36:272. 36:290.	Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, §§ 1, 2, 20, 64 Stat. 563, 567.

This section is substituted for 36:271 for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate executed and unnecessary words. The text of 36:272 and 290 is omitted as executed and obsolete.

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-7, §2(1), which directed amendment of subsec. (a) by substituting “FFA” for “corporation”, was executed by making the substitution the first place appearing to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-7, §2(2), substituted “FFA” for “corporation”.

**§ 70902. Purposes**

The purposes of the FFA are—

- (1) to be an integral component of instruction in agricultural education, including instruction relating to agriculture, food, and natural resources;
- (2) to advance comprehensive agricultural education in the United States, including in public schools, by supporting contextual classroom and laboratory instruction and work-based experiential learning;
- (3) to prepare students for successful entry into productive careers in fields relating to agriculture, food, and natural resources, including by connecting students to relevant post-secondary educational pathways and focusing on the complete delivery of classroom and laboratory instruction, work-based experiential learning, and leadership development;
- (4) to be a resource and support organization that does not select, control, or supervise State association, local chapter, or individual member activities;
- (5) to develop educational materials, programs, services, and events as a service to State and local agricultural education agencies;
- (6) to seek and promote inclusion and diversity in its membership, leadership, and staff to reflect the belief of the FFA in the value of all human beings;
- (7) to create, foster, and assist subsidiary chapters<sup>1</sup> and associations of those chapters in the States, territories, and possessions of the United States as such chapters and associations carry out agricultural education programs that are approved by States, territories, or possessions;
- (8) to build character,<sup>1</sup> and develop competent and assertive agricultural leadership;
- (9) to increase awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture, food, and natural resources, and the way agriculture contributes to our well-being;
- (10) to promote the intelligent choice and establishment of a career in fields relating to agriculture, food, and natural resources;

<sup>1</sup> So in original.

(11) to make available to State associations, local chapters, and members all official supplies, programs, services, and equipment of the FFA;

(12) to cooperate with others, including State boards and officials for career and technical education, in accomplishing these purposes; and

(13) to engage in other activities, consistent with these purposes, determined by the governing body to be for the best interests of the FFA.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1356; Pub. L. 116-7, §3, Feb. 21, 2019, 133 Stat. 478.)

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70902 .....	36:273.	Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, §3, 64 Stat. 563.

In clause (1), the reference to the Vocational Education Act of 1946 (ch. 541, 49 Stat. 1488) is omitted because that Act was repealed by section 103 of the Act of October 16, 1968 (Public Law 90-576, 82 Stat. 1091). The words “States, territories, and possessions” are substituted for “several States and Territories” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

In clause (7), the words “young men and women” are substituted for “farm boys and young men” to use gender-neutral terminology.

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AMENDMENTS

2019—Pub. L. 116-7, §3(1), substituted “FFA” for “corporation” in introductory provisions.

Pars. (1), (2). Pub. L. 116-7, §3(6), added pars. (1) and (2). Former pars. (1) and (2) redesignated (7) and (8), respectively.

Pars. (3), (4). Pub. L. 116-7, §3(3), (6), added pars. (3) and (4) and struck out former pars. (3) and (4) which read as follows:

- “(3) to create and nurture a love of country life by encouraging members to improve the farm home and its surroundings, to develop organized rural recreational activities, and to create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations;
- “(4) to encourage the practice of thrift;”.

Par. (5). Pub. L. 116-7, §3(6), added par. (5). Former par. (5) redesignated (11).

Par. (6). Pub. L. 116-7, §3(3), (6), added par. (6) and struck out former par. (6) which read as follows: “to publish an official magazine and other publications for the members of the corporation;”.

Par. (7). Pub. L. 116-7, §3(7), struck out “composed of students and former students of vocational agriculture in public schools qualifying for Federal reimbursement under the Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act (20 U.S.C. 11-15, 16-28” before “) and associations of those chapters” and inserted “as such chapters and associations carry out agricultural education programs that are approved by States, territories, or possessions” after “United States”.

Pub. L. 116-7, §3(2), (3), redesignated par. (1) as (7) and struck out former par. (7) which related to strengthening the confidence of young men and women to encourage development of individual farming programs and promote their permanent establishment in farming.

Par. (8). Pub. L. 116-7, §3(2), (8), redesignated par. (2) as (8) and substituted “to build” for “to develop”, “and” for “train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism, and thereby”, and “assertive” for “aggressive rural and”. Former par. (8) redesignated (12).

Pars. (9), (10). Pub. L. 116-7, §3(9), added pars. (9) and (10). Former par. (9) redesignated (13).

Par. (11). Pub. L. 116-7, §3(4), (10), redesignated par. (5) as (11), substituted “to make available to State” for “to procure for and distribute to State” and “FFA” for “corporation” and inserted “, programs, services,” before “and equipment”.

Par. (12). Pub. L. 116-7, §3(5), (11), redesignated par. (8) as (12) and substituted “State boards and officials for career and technical” for “State boards for vocational”.

Par. (13). Pub. L. 116-7, §3(5), (12), redesignated par. (9) as (13) and substituted “FFA” for “corporation”.

**§ 70903. Membership**

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the FFA and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution or bylaws of the FFA.

(b) VOTING.—In matters of official business of a local chapter, each member has one vote. In matters of official business of a State association, each qualified delegate of a local chapter has one vote.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1356; Pub. L. 116-7, § 4, Feb. 21, 2019, 133 Stat. 479.)

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70903 .....	36:276.	Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, §6, 64 Stat. 565.

In subsection (b), the words “In matters of” are substituted for “In the conduct of” for clarity and to eliminate unnecessary words.

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-7 substituted “FFA” for “corporation” and “as provided in the constitution or bylaws of the FFA” for “as provided in the bylaws” before period at end.

**§ 70904. Governing body**

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the governing body of the FFA. The board shall exercise the powers granted to the FFA.

(2) The board—

(A) shall consist of—

(i) the Secretary of Education, or the Secretary of Education’s designee who has experience in agricultural education, the FFA, or career and technical education; and

(ii) other individuals—

(I) representing the fields of education, agriculture, food, and natural resources; or

(II) with experience working closely with the FFA; and

(B) shall not include any individual who is a current employee of the National FFA Organization.

(3) The number of directors, terms of office of the directors, and the method of selecting the directors, are as provided in the constitution or bylaws of the FFA.

(4) The board shall meet at least annually at the time and place provided in the constitution

or bylaws of the FFA. The annual report of the board shall be presented at that meeting. Special meetings of the board may be called at any time by the chair.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers of the FFA, the terms of officers, and the election of officers, are as provided in the constitution or bylaws of the FFA, except that such officers shall include—

- (1) a national advisor;
- (2) an executive secretary; and
- (3) a treasurer.

(c) GOVERNING COMMITTEE.—

(1) The board may designate a governing committee. The terms and method of selecting the governing committee members are as provided in the constitution or bylaws of the FFA, except that all members of the governing committee shall be members of the board of directors and at all times the governing committee shall be comprised of not less than 3 individuals.

(2) When the board is not in session, the governing committee has the powers of the board subject to the board’s direction and may authorize the seal of the FFA to be affixed to all papers that require it.

(3) The board shall designate to such committee—

- (A) the chair of the board;
- (B) the executive secretary of the board; and
- (C) the treasurer of the board.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1357; Pub. L. 116-7, § 5, Feb. 21, 2019, 133 Stat. 479.)

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70904(a) .....	36:278(a)–(c), (e).	Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, §8, 64 Stat. 565.
70904(b) .....	36:278(d).	

In subsection (a), the text of 36:278(e) is omitted as obsolete. In paragraph (2), the words “Secretary of Education” and “Department of Education” are substituted for “Chief of the Agricultural Education Service, Office of Education, Federal Security Agency” and “Agricultural Education Service, Office of Education, Federal Security Agency”, respectively, in section 8(a) of the Act of August 30, 1950 (ch. 823, 64 Stat. 565), because of sections 5 and 8 of Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1953 (5 App. U.S.C.) and 20:3441 and 3507.

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 116-7, §5(1)(A), substituted “FFA” for “corporation” in two places.

Subsec. (a)(2), (3). Pub. L. 116-7, §5(1)(B), added pars. (2) and (3) and struck out former pars. (2) and (3) which read as follows:

“(2) The board consists of the Secretary of Education, four staff members in the Department of Education, and four State supervisors of agriculture education. The Secretary is chairman of the board.

“(3) The term of office of the directors and the method of selecting the directors (except ex officio directors) are as provided in the bylaws.”

Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 116-7, §5(1)(C), substituted “constitution or bylaws of the FFA” for “bylaws” and “chair” for “chairman”.

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 116-7, §5(2), (3), added subsecs. (b) and (c) and struck out former subsec. (b) which