

Editorial Notes**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 3349, Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 426, provided for restrictions relating to details to fill vacancies, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title I, §151(b), (d)(1), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-611, 2681-616, effective 30 days after Oct. 21, 1998. See section 3347 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108-271 substituted “Government Accountability Office” for “General Accounting Office” in introductory provisions.

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

Committee on Governmental Affairs of Senate changed to Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of Senate, effective Jan. 4, 2005, by Senate Resolution No. 445, One Hundred Eighth Congress, Oct. 9, 2004.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Government Reform of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Sixth Congress, Jan. 6, 1999. Committee on Government Reform of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007. Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Oversight and Reform of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Sixteenth Congress, Jan. 9, 2019. Committee on Oversight and Reform of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Oversight and Accountability of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, Jan. 9, 2023.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 30 days after Oct. 21, 1998, and applicable to any office that becomes vacant after such effective date, with certain exceptions, see section 151(d) of Pub. L. 105-277, set out as a note under section 3345 of this title.

§ 3349a. Presidential inaugural transitions

(a) In this section, the term “transitional inauguration day” means the date on which any person swears or affirms the oath of office as President, if such person is not the President on the date preceding the date of swearing or affirming such oath of office.

(b) With respect to any vacancy that exists during the 60-day period beginning on a transitional inauguration day, the 210-day period under section 3346 or 3348 shall be deemed to begin on the later of the date occurring—

- (1) 90 days after such transitional inauguration day; or
- (2) 90 days after the date on which the vacancy occurs.

(Added Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title I, §151(b), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-615.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**EFFECTIVE DATE**

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§ 3349b. Holdover provisions

Sections 3345 through 3349a shall not be construed to affect any statute that authorizes a person to continue to serve in any office—

- (1) after the expiration of the term for which such person is appointed; and
- (2) until a successor is appointed or a specified period of time has expired.

(Added Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title I, §151(b), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-615.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**EFFECTIVE DATE**

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§ 3349c. Exclusion of certain officers

Sections 3345 through 3349b shall not apply to—

- (1) any member who is appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate to any board, commission, or similar entity that—

- (A) is composed of multiple members; and
- (B) governs an independent establishment or Government corporation;

- (2) any commissioner of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission;

- (3) any member of the Surface Transportation Board; or

- (4) any judge appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to a court constituted under article I of the United States Constitution.

(Added Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title I, §151(b), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-615.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**EFFECTIVE DATE**

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§ 3349d. Notification of intent to nominate during certain recesses or adjournments

(a) The submission to the Senate, during a recess or adjournment of the Senate in excess of 15 days, of a written notification by the President of the President’s intention to submit a nomination after the recess or adjournment shall be considered a nomination for purposes of sections 3345 through 3349c if such notification contains the name of the proposed nominee and the office for which the person is nominated.

(b) If the President does not submit a nomination of the person named under subsection (a) within 2 days after the end of such recess or adjournment, effective after such second day the notification considered a nomination under subsection (a) shall be treated as a withdrawn nomination for purposes of sections 3345 through 3349c.

(Added Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title I, §151(b), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-615.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 30 days after Oct. 21, 1998, and applicable to any office that becomes vacant after such effective date, with certain exceptions, see section 151(d) of Pub. L. 105-277, set out as a note under section 3345 of this title.

§ 3349e. Presidential explanation of failure to nominate an inspector general

If the President fails to make a formal nomination for a vacant inspector general position that requires a formal nomination by the President to be filled within the period beginning on the later of the date on which the vacancy occurred or on which a nomination is rejected, withdrawn, or returned, and ending on the day that is 210 days after that date, the President shall communicate, within 30 days after the end of such period and not later than June 1 of each year thereafter, to the appropriate congressional committees, as defined in section 12 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.)¹—

- (1) the reasons why the President has not yet made a formal nomination; and
- (2) a target date for making a formal nomination.

(Added Pub. L. 117-263, div. E, title LII, § 5221(a), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3234.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 12 of the Inspector General Act of 1978, referred to in text, is section 12 of Pub. L. 95-452, which was set out in the Appendix to this title and was repealed and restated as section 401 of this title by Pub. L. 117-286, §§ 3(b), 7, Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4207, 4361. For definition of “appropriate congressional committees”, see Amendments Not Shown in Text note set out under section 401 of this title.

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EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 117-263, div. E, title LII, § 5221(c), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3234, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [enacting this section] shall take effect—
“(1) on the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 23, 2022] with respect to any vacancy first occurring on or after that date; and
“(2) on the day that is 210 days after the date of enactment of this Act with respect to any vacancy that occurred before the date of enactment of this Act.”

SUBCHAPTER IV—TRANSFERS

§ 3351. Preference eligibles; transfer; physical qualifications; waiver

In determining qualifications of a preference eligible for transfer to another position in the competitive service, an Executive agency, or the government of the District of Columbia, the Office of Personnel Management or other examining agency shall waive—

- (1) requirements as to age, height, and weight, unless the requirement is essential to the performance of the duties of the position; and

¹ See References in Text note below.

(2) physical requirements if, in the opinion of the Office or other examining agency, after considering the recommendation of an accredited physician, the preference eligible is physically able to perform efficiently the duties of the position.

This section does not apply to an appointment required by Congress to be confirmed by, or made with the advice and consent of, the Senate.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 426; Pub. L. 94-183, § 2(4), Dec. 31, 1975, 89 Stat. 1057; Pub. L. 95-454, title IX, § 906(a)(2), (3), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1224.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Derivation</i>	<i>U.S. Code</i>	<i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>
.....	5 U.S.C. 854 (1st 2 sentences, so much as relates to transfer).	June 27, 1944, ch. 287, § 5 (1st 2 sentences, so much as relates to transfer), 58 Stat. 388.

The section is restated to conform to section 3312. The words “in the competitive service, an Executive agency, or the government of the District of Columbia” are added on authority of former sections 851, 858, and 869, which are carried into this title. The last sentence is added on authority of former section 869.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

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AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-454 substituted “Office of Personnel Management” and “Office” for “Civil Service Commission” and “Commission”, respectively.
1975—Pub. L. 94-183 struck out “, except an appointment made under section 3311 of title 39” after “or made with the advice and consent of, the Senate”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-454 effective 90 days after Oct. 13, 1978, see section 907 of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as a note under section 1101 of this title.

§ 3352. Preference in transfers for employees making certain disclosures

(a) Subject to the provisions of subsections (d) and (e), in filling a position within any Executive agency, the head of such agency may give preference to any employee of such agency, or any other Executive agency, to transfer to a position of the same status and tenure as the position of such employee on the date of applying for a transfer under subsection (b) if—

- (1) such employee is otherwise qualified for such position;
- (2) such employee is eligible for appointment to such position; and
- (3) the Merit Systems Protection Board makes a determination under the provisions of chapter 12 that a prohibited personnel action described under section 2302(b)(8) was taken against such employee.

(b) An employee who meets the conditions described under subsection (a)(1), (2), and (3) may voluntarily apply for a transfer to a position, as