

ice and assign to the Service such functions as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(b) Administrator

(1) Appointment

The Rural Utilities Service shall be headed by an Administrator who shall be appointed by the President.

(2) Compensation

The Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service shall receive basic pay at a rate not to exceed the maximum amount of compensation payable to a member of the Senior Executive Service under subsection (b) of section 5382 of title 5.

(c) Functions

The Secretary shall carry out through the Rural Utilities Service the following functions that are under the jurisdiction of the Department:

(1) Electric and telephone loan programs and water and waste facility activities authorized by law, including—

- (A) the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.); and
- (B) section 1926-1¹ of this title; and

(2) Water and waste facility programs and activities authorized by law, including—

- (A) sections 1926, 1926a, 1926b,¹ and 1926c of this title, the provisions of sections 1929 and 1929a of this title relating to assets, terms, and conditions of water and sewer programs, section 1932(b) of this title, and section 1013a of this title; and
- (B) section 2324 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990¹ (7 U.S.C. 1926 note).

(Pub. L. 103-354, title II, §232, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3219; Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §747(b)(2), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1128; Pub. L. 112-166, §2(a)(2), Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1283; Pub. L. 115-334, title XII, §12408(a)(1), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4976.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Rural Electrification Act of 1936, referred to in subsec. (c)(1)(A), is act May 20, 1936, ch. 432, 49 Stat. 1363, which is classified generally to chapter 31 (§901 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 901 of this title and Tables.

Section 1926-1 of this title, referred to in subsec. (c)(1)(B), was repealed by Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §702, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1108.

Section 1926b of this title, referred to in subsec. (c)(2)(A), was repealed by Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §743, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1125.

Section 2324 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, referred to in subsec. (c)(2)(B), is section 2324 of Pub. L. 101-624, which was set out as a note under section 1926 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §703, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1108.

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 232 of Pub. L. 103-354. Prior to amendment of this section by Pub. L. 115-334, subsec. (b)(2), formerly (b)(3), of section 232 of Pub. L.

¹ See References in Text note below.

103-354 amended section 5315 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. See 2018 Amendment note below.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 115-334 amended subsec. (b) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (2) amended section 5315 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, and text of par. (1) read as follows: “The Rural Utilities Service shall be headed by an Administrator who shall be appointed by the President.”

2012—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 112-166, §2(a)(2)(A), struck out “, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate” before period at end.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 112-166, §2(a)(2)(B), (C), which directed that subsec. (b)(1) of this section be amended by striking out par. (2) and redesignating par. (3) as (2), was executed by making the amendment to subsec. (b) of this section, to reflect the probable intent of Congress. See Codification note above. Prior to amendment, text of par. (2) read as follows: “Any official who is serving as Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration on October 13, 1994, and who was appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate—

“(A) may be considered to be serving in the successor position established under paragraph (1); and

“(B) shall not be required to be reappointed to that position by reason of the enactment of this Act.”

1996—Subsec. (c)(2)(A). Pub. L. 104-127 substituted “section 1932(b)” for “section 1932(b)(2)”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2012 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-166 effective 60 days after Aug. 10, 2012, and applicable to appointments made on and after that effective date, including any nomination pending in the Senate on that date, see section 6(a) of Pub. L. 112-166, set out as a note under section 113 of Title 6, Domestic Security.

§ 6943. Rural Housing and Community Development Service

(a) Establishment authorized

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary is authorized to establish and maintain within the Department the Rural Housing and Community Development Service and to assign to the Service such functions as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(b) Functions

If the Secretary establishes the Rural Housing and Community Development Service under subsection (a), the Secretary is authorized to assign to the Service jurisdiction over the following:

(1) Programs and activities under title V of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.).

(2) Programs and activities that relate to rural community lending programs, including programs authorized by section 2008d of this title.

(Pub. L. 103-354, title II, §233, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3219; Pub. L. 104-127, title VII, §§747(b)(3), 753(b)(2), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1128, 1131.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Housing Act of 1949, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), is act July 15, 1949, ch. 338, 63 Stat. 413. Title V of the Act is classified generally to subchapter III (§1471 et seq.) of chapter 8A of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the

Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1441 of Title 42 and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (b)(2), (3). Pub. L. 104-127 redesignated par. (3) as (2), substituted “section 2008d of this title” for “sections 2008 through 2008d of this title”, and struck out former par. (2) which read as follows: “Programs and activities authorized under section 1932(i) of this title and related provisions of law.”

§ 6944. Rural Business and Cooperative Development Service

(a) Establishment authorized

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary is authorized to establish and maintain within the Department the Rural Business and Cooperative Development Service and to assign to the Service such functions as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(b) Functions

If the Secretary establishes the Rural Business and Cooperative Development Service under subsection (a), the Secretary is authorized to assign to the Service jurisdiction over the following:

(1) Section 313 and title V of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 940c and 950aa et seq.).

(2) Subtitle G¹ of title XVI of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990.

(3) Sections 306(a)(1) and 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(1) and 1932).

(4) Section 1323 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (Public Law 99-198; 7 U.S.C. 1932 note).

(5) The Act of July 2, 1926 (44 Stat. 802, chapter 725; 7 U.S.C. 451 et seq.).

(Pub. L. 103-354, title II, §234, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3220.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Rural Electrification Act of 1936, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), is act May 20, 1936, ch. 432, 49 Stat. 1363. Title V of the Act is classified generally to subchapter V (§950aa et seq.) of chapter 31 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 901 of this title and Tables.

The Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, referred to in subsec. (b)(2), is Pub. L. 101-624, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3359, as amended. Subtitle G of title XVI of the Act, known as the Alternative Agricultural Research and Commercialization Act of 1990, was classified generally to subchapter VI (§5901 et seq.) of chapter 88 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6201(a), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 418. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1990 Amendments note set out under section 1421 of this title and Tables.

Act of July 2, 1926, referred to in subsec. (b)(5), is act July 2, 1926, ch. 725, 44 Stat. 802, which is classified generally to chapter 18 (§451 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

§ 6945. Rural Development Disaster Assistance Fund

(a) Rural Development Disaster Assistance Fund

On and after September 30, 2008, there is established in the Treasury a fund entitled the “Rural Development Disaster Assistance Fund”.

¹ See References in Text note below.

(b) Purpose and availability of Fund

Subject to subsection (d), amounts in the Rural Development Disaster Assistance Fund shall be available to the Secretary of Agriculture, until expended, to provide additional amounts, in the form of loans, grants, loan guarantees, or cooperative agreements, for any authorized activity of agencies of the Rural Development Mission Area in areas affected by a disaster declared by the President, the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Governor of a State or Territory. The cost of such direct and guaranteed loans, including the cost of modifying loans, shall be as defined in section 661a of title 2. Amounts so provided shall be in addition to any other amounts available to carry out the activity, but shall not be limited to the original form of assistance, if any. In carrying out this section, the Secretary may transfer funds into existing or new accounts as determined by the Secretary.

(c) Waiver of activity or project limitations

For any activity or project for which amounts in the Rural Development Disaster Assistance Fund will be obligated under subsection (b)—

(1) the Secretary of Agriculture may waive any limits on population, income, age, and duplication with respect to replacement of damaged or destroyed utilities, or cost-sharing otherwise applicable, except that, if the amounts proposed to be obligated in connection with the disaster would exceed the amount specified in subsection (h), the notification required by that subsection shall include information and justification with regard to any waivers to be granted under this subsection;

(2) the Secretary of Agriculture may use alternative sources of income data provided by local, regional, State, or Federal government sources to determine program eligibility; and

(3) with respect to grants authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(19),¹ the Secretary of Agriculture shall not require the applicant to demonstrate that it is unable to finance the proposed project from its own resources, or through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms, or other funding sources without grant assistance.

(d) Treatment of certain amounts in Fund

Amounts appropriated directly to the Rural Development Disaster Assistance Fund by this Act or any subsequent Act for a specific purpose shall be available only for that purpose until such time as the transfer authority provided by subsection (f) takes effect with regard to the amounts. Only subsection (c), including the notification requirements of such subsection, and subsections (g) and (i) apply to amounts described in this subsection.

(e) Transfer of prior appropriations to Fund

The Secretary of Agriculture may transfer to the Rural Development Disaster Assistance Fund, and merge with other amounts generally appropriated to the Fund, the available unobligated balance of any amounts that were appropriated before September 30, 2008, for programs

¹ See References in Text note below.