

tive 6 months after Jan. 6, 1988, see section 1001(b) of Pub. L. 100-399, set out as an Effective Date of 1988 Amendment note under section 2002 of this title.

PART B—FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION ORGANIZATION

Executive Documents

EX. ORD. NO. 6084. REORGANIZING AGRICULTURAL CREDIT AGENCIES OF THE UNITED STATES

Ex. Ord. No. 6084, Mar. 27, 1933, provided in part: . . . it is hereby ordered that:

(1) The functions of the Secretary of Agriculture as a member of the Federal Farm Board, and the offices of the appointed members of the Federal Farm Board, except the office of the member designated as chairman thereof, are abolished.

(2) The name of the Federal Farm Board is changed to the Farm Credit Administration.

(3) The name of the office of Chairman of the Federal Farm Board is changed to Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, and he is vested with all the powers and duties of the Federal Farm Board.

(4) The functions of the Secretary of the Treasury as a member of the Federal Farm Loan Board, and the offices of the appointed members of the Federal Farm Loan Board, except the office of the member designated as farm loan commissioner, are abolished, and all the powers and functions of the Federal Farm Loan Board, are transferred to and vested in the Farm Loan Commissioner, subject to the jurisdiction and control of the Farm Credit Administration as herein provided.

(5) There are transferred to the jurisdiction and control of the Farm Credit Administration:

(a) The Federal Farm Loan Bureau and the functions thereof; together with the functions of the Federal Farm Loan Board, including the functions of the Farm Loan Commissioner;

(b) The functions of the Treasury Department and the Department of Agriculture, and the Secretaries thereof, under Executive authorizations to give aid to farmers, dated July 26, 1918, and any extensions or amendments thereof;

(c) The functions of the Secretary of Agriculture under all provisions of law relating to the making of advances or loans to farmers, fruit growers, producers and owners of livestock and crops, and to individuals for the purpose of assisting in forming or increasing the capital stock of agricultural-credit corporations, livestock-loan companies, or like organizations, except Public Resolution No. 74, Seventieth Congress, approved December 21, 1928, providing for the Puerto Rican Hurricane Relief Commission;

(d) The Crop Production Loan Office and the Seed Loan Office of the Department of Agriculture, and the functions thereof;

(e) The functions of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and its Board of Directors relating to the appointment of officers and agents to manage regional agricultural credit corporations formed under [former] section 201(e) of the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932 [former 12 U.S.C. 1148]; relating to the establishment of rules and regulations for such management; and relating to the approval of loans and advances made by such corporations and of the terms and conditions thereof.

(6) The functions vested in the Federal Farm Board by section 9 of the Agricultural Marketing Act [section 1141g of this title] are abolished except that such functions shall continue to be exercised to such extent and for such time as may be necessary to permit the orderly winding up of the activities of stabilization corporations heretofore recognized under authority of such section, and the governor of the Farm Credit Administration shall take appropriate action for winding up at the earliest practicable date the activities of such corporations and all affairs related to the exercise of such functions.

(7) The records, property (including office equipment), and personnel used and employed in the execution of the functions hereinbefore transferred are transferred to the jurisdiction and control of the Farm Credit Administration.

(8) The sum of \$2,000,000 of the unexpended balances of appropriations made to the Federal Farm Board by Public Resolutions No. 43 and No. 51 of the Seventy-second Congress shall be impounded and returned to the Treasury, which sum shall be in addition to the other savings to be effected by the Farm Credit Administration as a result of this order.

(9) The unexpended balances of appropriations to the Secretary of Agriculture, the Federal Farm Loan Bureau, and the Federal Farm Board for salaries, expenses, and all other administrative expenditures in the execution of the functions herein vested in the Farm Credit Administration shall be transferred to and vested in the Farm Credit Administration as a single fund for its use for salaries, expenses, and all other administrative expenditures for the execution of any or all of such functions without restriction as to the particular functions for the execution of which the same were originally appropriated. All other appropriations, allotments, and other funds available for use in connection with the functions and executive agencies hereby transferred and consolidated are hereby transferred to and vested in the Farm Credit Administration, and shall be available for use by it, for the same purposes as if the Farm Credit Administration were named in the law or authority providing such appropriations, allotments, or other funds.

(10) All power, authority, and duties conferred by law upon any officer, executive agency, or head thereof, from which or from whom transfer is hereinbefore made, in relation to the executive agency or function transferred, are transferred to and vested in the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration.

(11) The Governor of the Farm Credit Administration is directed to dismiss, furlough, transfer, or make other appropriate disposition of such of the officers and employees under his jurisdiction and control as are not required for the proper execution of the functions of the Farm Credit Administration.

(12) The Governor of the Farm Credit Administration is authorized to execute any and all functions and perform any and all duties vested in him through such persons as he shall by order designate or employ.

(13) The Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, by order or rules and regulations, may consolidate, regroup, and transfer offices, bureaus, activities, and functions in the Farm Credit Administration, so far as may be required to carry out the purposes to which this order is directed, and may fix or change the names of such offices, bureaus, and activities and the duties, powers, and titles of their executive heads.

This order shall take effect upon the sixty-first calendar day after its transmission to Congress unless otherwise determined in accordance with the provisions of section 407 of the act cited above, as amended.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

[All functions, powers and duties of the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration which relate to the making, administration, and liquidation of all loans identified or referred to in pars. 5(b), 5(c), and 5(d) of this Executive Order were abolished by act Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 964, §2(a)(2), 60 Stat. 1062, set out as a note under sections 1001 to 1006 of Title 7, Agriculture.]

§ 2241. Farm Credit Administration

The Farm Credit Administration shall be an independent agency in the executive branch of the Government. It shall be composed of the Farm Credit Administration Board and such other personnel as are employed in carrying out the functions, powers, and duties vested in the Farm Credit Administration by this chapter.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title V, §5.7, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 617; Pub. L. 99-205, title II, §201(1), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1688.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1985—Pub. L. 99-205 amended section generally, substituting “Farm Credit Administration Board and such other personnel” for “Federal Farm Credit Board, the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, and such other personnel”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-205 effective thirty days after Dec. 23, 1985, see section 401 of Pub. L. 99-205, set out as a note under section 2001 of this title.

INTERIM IMPLEMENTATION OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 99-205, title IV, §402, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1709, provided that:

“(a) Until the Chairman of the Farm Credit Administration Board provided for under the amendment made by section 201(1) of this Act [see section 2242 of this title] is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, under the Farm Credit Act of 1971 [this chapter] as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 23, 1985], shall perform the functions of the Chairman prescribed for the Chairman by this Act [Pub. L. 99-205, see Short Title of 1985 Amendment note set out under section 2001 of this title].

“(b)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), until at least two members of the Farm Credit Administration Board provided under the amendment made by section 201(1) of this Act [see section 2242 of this title] are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, under the Farm Credit Act of 1971 [this chapter] as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 23, 1985], shall perform the functions of the Farm Credit Administration Board prescribed for such Board by this Act [Pub. L. 99-205, see Short Title of 1985 Amendment note set out under section 2001 of this title].

“(2) When the Chairman of such Board is so appointed and confirmed, the Chairman shall assume any responsibilities and powers of the Board being exercised by the Governor under this subsection.

“(c) In carrying out the duties and functions specified in subsections (a) and (b), the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration shall serve at the pleasure of the President.

“(d) All regulations of the Farm Credit Administration or the institutions of the System, and all charters, bylaws, resolutions, stock classifications, and policy directives issued or approved by the Farm Credit Administration, and all elections held and appointments made under the Farm Credit Act of 1971 [this chapter], before the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 23, 1985], shall be continuing and remain valid until superseded, modified, or replaced under the authority of this Act [Pub. L. 99-205, see Short Title of 1985 Amendment note set out under section 2001 of this title].”

§ 2242. Farm Credit Administration Board

(a) Appointment

The management of the Farm Credit Administration shall be vested in a Farm Credit Administration Board (referred to in this part as “the Board”). The Board shall consist of three members, who shall be citizens of the United States and broadly representative of the public interest. Members of the Board shall be appointed by

the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Not more than two members of the Board shall be members of the same political party. Of the persons thus appointed, one shall be designated by the President to serve as Chairman of the Board for the duration of the member's term. The members of the Board shall be ineligible during the time they are in office and for two years thereafter to hold any office, position, or employment in any institution of the Farm Credit System.

(b) Terms of office

The term of office of each member of the Board shall be six years, except that the terms of the two members, other than the Chairman, first appointed under subsection (a) shall expire, one on the expiration of two years after the date of appointment, and one on the expiration of four years after the date of appointment. Members of the Board shall not be appointed to succeed themselves, except that the members first appointed under subsection (a) for a term of less than six years may be reappointed for a full six-year term and members appointed to fill unexpired terms of three years or less may be reappointed for a full six-year term. Any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term on like appointment. Any member of the Board shall continue to serve as such after the expiration of the member's term until a successor has been appointed and qualified.

(c) Organization

Each member of the Board, within fifteen days after notice of appointment, shall subscribe to the oath of office. The Board may transact business if a vacancy exists, provided a quorum is present. A quorum shall consist of two members of the Board. The Board shall hold at least one meeting each month and such additional meetings at such times and places as it may fix and determine. Such meetings shall be held on the call of the Chairman or any two Board members. The Board shall adopt such rules as it deems appropriate for the transaction of business by the Board, and shall keep permanent and accurate records and minutes of the actions and proceedings of the Board.

(d) Compensation

The members of the Board shall devote their full time and attention to the business of the Board. The Chairman of the Board shall receive compensation at the rate prescribed for level III of the Executive Schedule under section 5314 of title 5. Each of the other members of the Board shall receive compensation at the rate prescribed for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5. Each member of the Board shall be reimbursed for necessary travel, subsistence, and other expenses in the discharge of the member's official duties without regard to other laws with respect to allowance for travel and subsistence of officers and employees of the United States. This subsection shall be subject to the provisions of section 2245 of this title.

(e) Qualifications of Farm Credit Administration Board members

The President shall appoint members of the Board who—

(1) are experienced or knowledgeable in agricultural economics and financial reporting and disclosure;

(2) are experienced or knowledgeable in the regulation of financial entities; or

(3) have a strong financial, legal, or regulatory background.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title V, §5.8, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 617; Pub. L. 96-592, title V, §503, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3449; Pub. L. 99-205, title II, §201(1), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1688; Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §431(a), Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1658; Pub. L. 102-552, title I, §102, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4103.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1992—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 102-552 added subsec. (e).

1988—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 100-233 amended last sentence generally, substituting “business by the Board,” for “its business” and “the actions and proceedings of the Board” for “its acts and proceedings”.

1985—Pub. L. 99-205 amended section generally, substituting provisions of subsecs. (a) to (d) relating to the Farm Credit Administration Board for provisions of former subsecs. (a) to (i) which related to the Federal Farm Credit Board.

1980—Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 96-592 substituted provisions relating to applicability of compensation under section 5332 of title 5, for provisions setting forth compensation at the rate of \$100 a day.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-205 effective thirty days after Dec. 23, 1985, see section 401 of Pub. L. 99-205, set out as a note under section 2001 of this title.

INTERIM IMPLEMENTATION OF 1985 AMENDMENT

For provisions authorizing interim implementation by Governor of Farm Credit Administration of amendments to this section by Pub. L. 99-205, see section 402 of Pub. L. 99-205, set out as a note under section 2241 of this title.

§ 2243. Powers of Board

The Board shall manage and administer, and establish policies for, the Farm Credit Administration. It—

(1) shall approve the rules and regulations for the implementation of this chapter not inconsistent with its provisions;

(2) shall provide for the examination of the condition of, and general regulation of the performance of the powers, functions, and duties vested in, each institution of the Farm Credit System;

(3) shall provide for the performance of all the powers and duties vested in the Farm Credit Administration; and

(4) may require such reports as it deems necessary from the institutions of the Farm Credit System.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title V, §5.9, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 619; Pub. L. 99-205, title II, §201(1), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1689; Pub. L. 100-233, title VIII, §805(w), Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1716.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1988—Pub. L. 100-233 struck out “; civil proceedings” in section catchline.

1985—Pub. L. 99-205 substituted requirement that the Board manage and administer, and establish policies for, the Farm Credit Administration for former requirement that the Federal Farm Credit Board establish the general policy for the guidance of the Farm Credit Administration, including matters of broad and general supervisory, advisory, or policy nature; incorporated existing text in provisions designated cls. (1) to (4); substituted in cl. (2) “general regulation” for “general supervision”; and struck out last sentence which read as follows: “The Board shall function as a unit without delegating any of its functions to individual members, but may appoint committees and subcommittees for studies and reports for consideration by the Board. It shall not operate in an administrative capacity.”

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-205 effective thirty days after Dec. 23, 1985, see section 401 of Pub. L. 99-205, set out as a note under section 2001 of this title.

INTERIM IMPLEMENTATION OF 1985 AMENDMENT

For provisions authorizing interim implementation by Governor of Farm Credit Administration of amendments to this section by Pub. L. 99-205, see section 402 of Pub. L. 99-205, set out as a note under section 2241 of this title.

§ 2244. Chairman; responsibilities; governing standards

(a) Chairman of Farm Credit Administration Board; power and authority

(1) The Chairman of the Board shall be the chief executive officer of the Farm Credit Administration.

(2) In carrying out the responsibilities of the chief executive officer, the Chairman shall be responsible for directing the implementation of policies and regulations adopted by the Board and, after consultation with the Board, the execution of the administrative functions and duties of the Farm Credit Administration.

(3) In carrying out policies as directed by the Board, the Chairman shall act as spokesperson for the Board and represent the Board and the Farm Credit Administration in their official relations within the Federal Government.

(4) Under policies adopted by the Board, the Chairman shall consult on a regular basis with—

(A) the Secretary of the Treasury concerning the exercise, by the System, of the powers conferred under section 2153 of this title;

(B) the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System concerning the effect of System lending activities on national monetary policy; and

(C) the Secretary of Agriculture concerning the effect of System policies on farmers, ranchers, and the agricultural economy.

(b) Governing standards

In carrying out responsibilities under this chapter, the Chairman of the Board shall be governed by general policies adopted by the Board and by such regulatory decisions, findings, and determinations as the Board may by law be authorized to make and, as to third persons, all acts of the Chairman of the Board shall be conclusively presumed to be in compliance with

such general policies and regulatory decisions, findings, and determinations.

(c) Enforcement of rules, regulations, and orders of Board; civil proceedings; representation by attorneys

The Chairman of the Board shall enforce the rules, regulations, and orders of the Board. Except as provided in section 518 of title 28, relating to litigation before the Supreme Court, attorneys designated by the Chairman shall represent the Farm Credit Administration in any civil proceeding or civil action brought in connection with the administration of conservatorships and receiverships. Attorneys designated by the Chairman may represent the Farm Credit Administration in any other civil proceedings or civil action when so authorized by the Attorney General under provisions of title 28.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title V, §5.10, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 619; Pub. L. 96-592, title V, §504, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3449; Pub. L. 99-205, title II, §201(1), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1689; Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §431(b), Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1658.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-233 amended subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (a) read as follows: “The Chairman of the Board shall be the executive officer of the Board and the chief executive officer of the Farm Credit Administration. The Chairman shall be responsible for directing the implementation of the policies and regulations adopted by the Board and the execution of all of the administrative functions and duties of the Farm Credit Administration. The Chairman shall be the spokesman for the Board and the Farm Credit Administration and shall represent the Board and the Farm Credit Administration in their official relations within the Government. Under policies adopted by the Board, the Chairman shall consult on a regular basis with the Secretary of the Treasury in connection with the exercise by the System of the powers conferred under section 2153 of this title, with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in connection with the effect of System lending activities on national monetary policy, and with the Secretary of Agriculture in connection with the effect of System policies on farmers and the agricultural economy.”

1985—Pub. L. 99-205 substituted provisions relating to the Chairman of the Board, his responsibilities, and governing standards for provisions relating to the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration.

1980—Pub. L. 96-592 inserted provisions relating to requirements of the Governor to consult with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-205 effective thirty days after Dec. 23, 1985, see section 401 of Pub. L. 99-205, set out as a note under section 2001 of this title.

INTERIM IMPLEMENTATION OF 1985 AMENDMENT

For provisions authorizing interim implementation by Governor of Farm Credit Administration of amendments to this section by Pub. L. 99-205, see section 402 of Pub. L. 99-205, set out as a note under section 2241 of this title.

§ 2245. Organization of Farm Credit Administration

(a) Policies of Board

The Chairman of the Farm Credit Administration Board, in carrying out the powers and duties vested in the Chairman by this chapter, and Acts supplementary thereto, shall be governed by policies of the Board and by such regulatory decisions, findings, and determinations as the Board may by law be authorized to make.

(b) Appointments

The Chairman of the Board shall appoint such personnel as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the Farm Credit Administration. The appointment by the Chairman of the heads of major administrative divisions under the Board shall be subject to the approval of the Board.

(c) Personnel

(1) Appointments by Board members

Personnel employed regularly and full-time in the immediate offices of Board members shall be appointed by each such Board member.

(2) Officers and employees

(A) Appointment, compensation, and benefits

The Chairman shall fix the compensation and number of, and appoint and direct, employees of the Administration. The Chairman may set and adjust the rates of basic pay for employees of the Administration without regard to the provisions of chapter 51, or subchapter III of chapter 53, of title 5. The Chairman may provide such additional compensation and benefits to employees of the Administration as is necessary to maintain comparability with the total amount of compensation and benefits provided by other Federal bank regulatory agencies. In setting and adjusting the total amount of compensation and benefits for employees of the Administration, the Chairman shall consult with, and seek to maintain comparability with, other Federal bank regulatory agencies.

(B) “Other Federal bank regulatory agencies” defined

For purposes of this subsection, the term “other Federal bank regulatory agencies” has the same meaning given to the term “appropriate Federal banking agency” in section 1813(q) of this title.

(C) Ethics in Government

The officers and employees of the agency shall be—

- (i) subject to chapter 131 of title 5; and
- (ii) considered officers or employees of the United States for the purposes of sections 201 through 203, and sections 205 through 209, of title 18.

(3) Delegation

The powers of the Chairman as chief executive officer necessary for day to day management may be exercised and performed by the Chairman through such other officers and em-

ployees of the Administration as the Chairman shall designate, except that the Chairman may not delegate powers specifically reserved to the Chairman by this chapter without Board approval.

(d) Funding

The operations of the Farm Credit Administration, and the salaries of members of the Board and employees of the Administration, shall be funded and paid for from the fund created under section 2250 of this title.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title V, §5.11, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 620; Pub. L. 99-205, title II, §201(1), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1690; Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §431(c), title VIII, §805(x), Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1659, 1716; Pub. L. 100-399, title IV, §415(a), title VII, §702(b), Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 1004, 1006; Pub. L. 101-73, title XII, §1210, Aug. 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 523; Pub. L. 117-286, §4(c)(23), Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4357.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsec. (c)(2)(C)(i). Pub. L. 117-286 substituted “chapter 131 of title 5;” for “the Ethics in Government Act of 1978;”.

1989—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 101-73 amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (2) read as follows: “The officers and employees of the agency shall be—

“(A) subject to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (2 U.S.C. 701 et seq.);

“(B) considered officers or employees of the United States for the purposes of sections 201 through 203, and sections 205 through 209, of title 18; and

“(C) subject to section 5373 of title 5.”

1988—Pub. L. 100-233, §805(x), which directed the amendment of this section by striking out the last sentence, was repealed by Pub. L. 100-399, §702(b). See Construction of 1988 Amendment note below.

Pub. L. 100-233, §431(c), amended section generally, substituting subssecs. (a) to (d) for former text consisting of single undesignated paragraph.

Subsec. (c)(2)(C). Pub. L. 100-399, §415(a), substituted “5373” for “5315”.

1985—Pub. L. 99-205 substituted provisions respecting organization of the Farm Credit Administration for provisions relating to compensation and expense allowance of the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 415(a) of Pub. L. 100-399 effective as if enacted immediately after enactment of Pub. L. 100-233, which was approved Jan. 6, 1988, see section 1001(a) of Pub. L. 100-399, set out as a note under section 2002 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-205 effective thirty days after Dec. 23, 1985, see section 401 of Pub. L. 99-205, set out as a note under section 2001 of this title.

CONSTRUCTION OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-399, title VII, §702(b), Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 1006, provided that section 805(x) of Pub. L. 100-233, cited as a credit to this section, is repealed and that this section shall be applied and administered as if such section had not been enacted.

INTERIM IMPLEMENTATION OF 1985 AMENDMENT

For provisions authorizing interim implementation by Governor of Farm Credit Administration of amend-

ments to this section by Pub. L. 99-205, see section 402 of Pub. L. 99-205, set out as a note under section 2241 of this title.

§ 2246. Advisory committees

The Chairman of the Board, subject to the approval of the Board, may establish one or more advisory committees in accordance with chapter 10 of title 5 and may appoint to such committee or committees individuals who are members of the Federal Farm Credit Board when such Board is terminated by the Farm Credit Amendments Act of 1985.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title V, §5.12, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 620; Pub. L. 99-205, title II, §201(1), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1690; Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §431(d), Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1660; Pub. L. 117-286, §4(a)(56), Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4311.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Farm Credit Amendments Act of 1985, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 99-205, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1678. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1985 Amendment note set out under section 2001 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2022—Pub. L. 117-286 substituted “chapter 10 of title 5” for “the Federal Advisory Committee Act”.

1988—Pub. L. 100-233 inserted “, subject to the approval of the Board,” after “Chairman of the Board”.

1985—Pub. L. 99-205 substituted provisions respecting advisory committees for provisions respecting compliance by the Governor with orders of the Federal Farm Credit Board.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-205 effective thirty days after Dec. 23, 1985, see section 401 of Pub. L. 99-205, set out as a note under section 2001 of this title.

INTERIM IMPLEMENTATION OF 1985 AMENDMENT

For provisions authorizing interim implementation by Governor of Farm Credit Administration of amendments to this section by Pub. L. 99-205, see section 402 of Pub. L. 99-205, set out as a note under section 2241 of this title.

§ 2247. Repealed. Pub. L. 99-205, title II, §201(2), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1690

Section, Pub. L. 92-181, title V, §5.13, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 620, related to authority of Governor of the Farm Credit Administration to fix powers and duties of divisions and instrumentalities of the Administration.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective thirty days after Dec. 23, 1985, see section 401 of Pub. L. 99-205, set out as an Effective Date of 1985 Amendment note under section 2001 of this title.

§ 2248. Seal of the Farm Credit Administration

The Farm Credit Administration shall have a seal, as adopted by the Board, which shall be judicially noted.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title V, §5.13, formerly §5.14, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 620; renumbered §5.13 and

amended Pub. L. 99-205, title II, §201(3), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1690.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5.13 of Pub. L. 92-181 was classified to section 2247 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 99-205, title II, §201(2), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1690.

AMENDMENTS

1985—Pub. L. 99-205 substituted “Board” for “Governor”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-205 effective thirty days after Dec. 23, 1985, see section 401 of Pub. L. 99-205, set out as a note under section 2001 of this title.

§ 2249. Administrative expenses

The Farm Credit Administration may, within the limits of funds available therefor, make necessary expenditures for personnel services and rent at the seat of Government and elsewhere; contract stenographic reporting services; purchase and exchange lawbooks, books of reference, periodicals, newspapers, expenses of attendance at meetings and conferences; purchase, operation, and maintenance at the seat of Government and elsewhere of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles and other vehicles; printing and binding; and for such other facilities and services, including temporary employment by contract or otherwise, as it may from time to time find necessary for the proper administration of this chapter. The Farm Credit Administration may dispose of property so acquired and any amounts collected from the disposition of such property shall be deposited in the special fund provided for in section 2250(b) of this title and shall be available to the Administration in the same manner and for the same purposes as the funds collected under section 2250(a) of this title.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title V, §5.14, formerly §5.15, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 620; Pub. L. 96-592, title V, §505, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3449; renumbered §5.14 and amended Pub. L. 99-205, title II, §201(4), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1690.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5.14 of Pub. L. 92-181 was renumbered section 5.13 and is classified to section 2248 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1985—Pub. L. 99-205 made technical amendments to the references to sections 2250(b) and 2250(a) of this title appearing in second sentence to reflect the renumbering of the corresponding section of the original act.

1980—Pub. L. 96-592 inserted provisions relating to disposal of property and deposit of amounts from such disposal.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-205 effective thirty days after Dec. 23, 1985, see section 401 of Pub. L. 99-205, set out as a note under section 2001 of this title.

§ 2250. Farm Credit Administration operating expenses fund

(a) Determinations required

(1) Generally

Prior to the first day of each fiscal year, the Farm Credit Administration shall determine—

(A) the cost of administering this chapter for the subsequent fiscal year, including expenses for official functions;

(B) the amount of assessments that will be required to pay such administrative expenses, taking into consideration the funds contained in the Administrative Expense Account, and maintain a necessary reserve; and

(C) the amount of assessments that will be required to pay the costs of supervising and examining the Mortgage Corporation established under subchapter VIII.

(2) Apportionments

On the basis of the determinations made under paragraph (1), the Farm Credit Administration shall—

(A) apportion the amount of the assessment described in paragraph (1)(B) among the System institutions on a basis that is determined to be equitable by the Farm Credit Administration;

(B) assess and collect such apportioned amounts from time to time during the fiscal year as determined necessary by the Farm Credit Administration; and

(C) assess and collect from the Mortgage Corporation, from time to time during the fiscal year, the amount described in paragraph (1)(C).

(b) Deposits into fund

(1) Treasury fund

The amounts collected under subsection (a) shall be deposited in the Farm Credit Administration Administrative Expense Account. The Expense Account shall be maintained in the Treasury of the United States and shall be available, without regard, for purposes of sequestration, to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 [2 U.S.C. 900 et seq.], to pay the expenses of the Farm Credit Administration.

(2) Nongovernment funds

The funds contained in the Expense Account shall not be construed to be Federal Government funds or appropriated moneys.

(3) Investment

(A) Authority

On request of the Farm Credit Administration, the Secretary of the Treasury shall invest and reinvest such amounts contained in the Expense Account as, in the determination of the Farm Credit Administration, are in excess of the amounts necessary for current expenses of the Farm Credit Administration.

(B) Returns

All income earned from such investments and reinvestments shall be deposited in the Expense Account.

(C) Type

Such investments shall be made in public debt securities with maturities suitable to

the needs of the Expense Account, as determined by the Farm Credit Administration, and bearing interest at rates determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, taking into consideration current market yields on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States of comparable maturities.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title V, § 5.15, formerly § 5.16, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 620; renumbered § 5.15 and amended Pub. L. 99-205, title II, §§ 201(5), 205(g)(6), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1690, 1707; Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, § 432(a), Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1660; Pub. L. 100-399, title IV, § 416(a), (b), Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 1004; Pub. L. 102-552, title V, § 510, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4132.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), is title II of Pub. L. 99-177, Dec. 12, 1985, 99 Stat. 1038, which enacted chapter 20 (§ 900 et seq.) and sections 654 to 656 of Title 2, The Congress, amended sections 602, 622, 631 to 642, and 651 to 653 of Title 2, sections 1104 to 1106, and 1109 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and section 911 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, repealed section 661 of Title 2, enacted provisions set out as notes under section 900 of Title 2 and section 911 of Title 42, and amended provisions set out as a note under section 621 of Title 2. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 900 of Title 2 and Tables.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5.15 of Pub. L. 92-181 was renumbered section 5.14 and is classified to section 2249 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1992—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 102-552 inserted “, for purposes of sequestration,” after “regard” and struck out “or any other law” before “, to pay the expenses”.

1988—Pub. L. 100-233 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows:

“(a) The Farm Credit Administration shall prior to the first day of each fiscal year estimate the cost of administrative expenses for the ensuing fiscal year in administering this chapter, including official functions, and shall apportion the amount so determined among the institutions of the System on such equitable basis as the Farm Credit Administration shall determine, and shall assess against and collect in advance the amounts so apportioned from the institutions among which the apportionment is made.

“(b) The amounts collected pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be covered into the Treasury, and credited to a special fund and, without regard to other law, shall be available to the Farm Credit Administration for expenditure during each fiscal year for salaries and expenses of the Farm Credit Administration. As soon as practicable after the end of each such fiscal year, the Farm Credit Administration shall determine, on a fair and reasonable basis, the cost of operation of the Farm Credit Administration and the part thereof which fairly and equitably should be allocated to each bank and association as its share of the cost during the fiscal year of the Farm Credit Administration. If the amount so allocated is greater than the amount collected from the bank or other institutions, the difference shall be collected from such bank or other institutions, and, if less, shall be refunded from the special fund to the bank or other institutions entitled thereto or credited in the special fund to such bank or other institutions for use for the same purposes in future fiscal years.”

Subsec. (a)(2)(A). Pub. L. 100-399, § 416(a), substituted “the assessment described in paragraph (1)(B)” for “such assessment”.

Subsec. (a)(2)(C). Pub. L. 100-399, § 416(b), substituted “described” for “specified”.

1985—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-205, § 205(g)(6), substituted “the Farm Credit Administration” for “said Administration” twice in first sentence, and for “the Administration” and “such Administration” in second sentence.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-399 effective as if enacted immediately after enactment of Pub. L. 100-233, which was approved Jan. 6, 1988, see section 1001(a) of Pub. L. 100-399, set out as a note under section 2002 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-205 effective thirty days after Dec. 23, 1985, see section 401 of Pub. L. 99-205, set out as a note under section 2001 of this title.

§ 2251. Quarters and facilities for the Farm Credit Administration

(a) Location of principal office

The Farm Credit Administration shall maintain its principal office within the Washington D.C.-Maryland-Virginia standard metropolitan statistical area, and such other offices within the United States as in its judgment are necessary.

(b) Alternate property authorizations for System banks

As an alternate to the rental of quarters under section 2249 of this title, and without regard to any other provision of law, the banks of the System, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the bank boards, are hereby authorized—

(1) To lease or acquire real property in the District of Columbia or elsewhere for quarters of the Farm Credit Administration.

(2) To construct, develop, furnish, and equip such building thereon and such facilities appurtenant thereto as in their judgment may be appropriate to provide, to the extent the Board may deem advisable, suitable, and adequate quarters and facilities for the Farm Credit Administration.

(3) To enlarge, remodel, or reconstruct the same.

(4) To make or enter into contracts for any of the foregoing.

(5) To sell or otherwise dispose of any interest in property leased or acquired under the foregoing if authorized by the Board.

(c) Financing

(1) In general

The Board may require of the respective banks of the System, and they shall make to the Farm Credit Administration, such advances of funds for the purposes set out in this section as in the sole judgment of the Board may from time to time be advisable for the purposes of this section.

(2) Advances

The advances of funds described in paragraph (1) shall be in addition to and kept in a separate fund from the assessments authorized in section 2250 of this title and shall be apportioned by the Board among the banks in proportion to the total assets of the respective

banks, and determined in such manner and at such times as the Board may prescribe.

(3) Powers of banks

The powers of the banks of the System and purposes for which obligations may be issued by such banks are hereby enlarged to include the purpose of obtaining funds to permit the making of advances required by this section.

(4) Approval of board

The plans and decisions for such building and facilities and for the enlargement, remodeling, or reconstruction thereof shall be such as is approved in the sole discretion of the Board.

(5) Agent for banks

In actions undertaken by the banks pursuant to this section, the Farm Credit Administration may act as agent for the banks.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title V, § 5.16, formerly § 5.17, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 621; Pub. L. 96-592, title V, § 506, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3449; renumbered § 5.16 and amended Pub. L. 99-205, title II, § 201(6), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1690; Pub. L. 100-233, title VIII, § 805(y), Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1717; Pub. L. 100-399, title IX, § 901(l), Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 1008; Pub. L. 115-334, title V, §§ 5405, 5411(28), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4676, 4682.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5.16 of Pub. L. 92-181 was renumbered section 5.15 and is classified to section 2250 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 115-334, § 5405, added subsec. (a) and designated existing introductory provisions and pars. (1) to (5) as subsec. (b).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 115-334, § 5411(28), designated existing concluding provisions as subsec. (c) and first to fifth sentences thereof as pars. (1) to (5), respectively, and inserted subsec. and par. headings.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 115-334, § 5411(28)(D), substituted “The advances of funds described in paragraph (1)” for “Such advances”.

Subsec. (c)(5). Pub. L. 115-334, § 5411(28)(A), substituted “In actions undertaken by the banks pursuant to this section” for “In actions undertaken by the banks pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this section”.

1988—Pub. L. 100-399 substituted “bank boards” for “district boards” in introductory provisions.

Pub. L. 100-233 transferred undesignated provisions following par. (4) consisting of four sentences relating to advances of funds for purposes set out in this section as in the sole judgment of the Board may from time to time be advisable for purposes of this section, to a position immediately before last sentence of this section which provides for agency status of Administration for the banks.

1985—Pub. L. 99-205, § 201(6)(A)–(C), made technical amendments to the references to sections 2249 and 2250 of this title in first and third sentences to reflect the renumbering of the corresponding sections of the original act, and struck out “Federal Farm Credit” before “Board” in par. (2) of first sentence.

1980—Pub. L. 96-592 added par. (5) and provisions respecting agency status of Administration for the banks.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-399 effective immediately after amendment made by section 401 of Pub. L. 100-233,

which was effective 6 months after Jan. 6, 1988, see section 1001(b) of Pub. L. 100-399, set out as a note under section 2002 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-205 effective thirty days after Dec. 23, 1985, see section 401 of Pub. L. 99-205, set out as a note under section 2001 of this title.

§ 2252. Powers and duties

(a) Enumerated powers

The Farm Credit Administration shall have the following powers, functions, and responsibilities in connection with the institutions of the Farm Credit System and the administration of this chapter:

(1) Modify the boundaries of farm credit districts, with due regard for the farm credit needs of the country, as approved by the Board, with the concurrence of the district banks involved.

(2) Where necessary or appropriate to carry out the policy and objectives of this chapter, issue and approve amendments to Federal charters of institutions of the System; approve change in names of banks operating under this chapter; approve the merger of districts when agreed to by the district bank boards involved and by a majority vote of the voting stockholders and contributors to the guaranty funds of each bank for each of such districts, voting in the same manner as is provided in section 2279a of this title; approve mergers and any related activities as provided for in subchapter VII; and approve the consolidation or division of the territories of institutions when agreed to by a majority vote of the voting stockholders or contributors to the guaranty fund of each of the institutions involved; and approve consolidations of boards of directors when agreed to by a majority vote of the voting stockholders or contributors to the guaranty fund of each of the institutions involved. The Farm Credit Administration Board, after consultation with the respective boards of directors of the affected banks, may require two or more banks operating under the same or different titles to merge if the Board determines that one of such banks has failed to meet its outstanding obligations.

(3) Make annual reports directly to Congress on the condition of the System and its institutions, based on the examinations carried out under section 2254 of this title, and on the manner and extent to which the purposes and objectives of this chapter are being carried out and, from time to time, recommend directly legislative changes. The annual reports shall include a summary and analysis of the reports submitted to the Farm Credit Administration by the Farm Credit Banks under section 2207(b) of this title relating to programs for serving young, beginning, and small farmers and ranchers.

(4) Approve the issuance of obligations of the System under subsections (c) and (d) of section 2153 of this title for the purpose of funding the authorized operations of the institutions of the System, and prescribe collateral therefor.

(5) Grant approvals provided for under this chapter either on a case-by-case basis or

through regulations that confer approval on actions of Farm Credit System institutions.

(6) Establish standards for the System institutions with respect to loan security requirements and regulate the borrowing, repayment, and transfer of funds and equities between institutions of the System.

(7) Conduct loan and collateral security review.

(8) Regulate the preparation by System institutions and the dissemination to stockholders and investors of information on the financial condition and operations of such institutions, except that the requirements of the Farm Credit Administration governing the dissemination to stockholders of quarterly reports of System institutions may not be more burdensome or costly than the requirements applicable to national banks, and the Farm Credit Administration may not require any System institution to disclose in any report to stockholders information concerning the condition or classification of a loan—

(A) to a director of the institution—

(i) who has resigned before the time for filing the applicable report with the Farm Credit Administration; or

(ii) whose term of office will expire no later than the date of the meeting of stockholders to which the report relates; or

(B) to a member of the immediate family of a director of the institution unless—

(i) the family member resides in the same household as the director; or

(ii) the director has a material financial or legal interest in the loan or business operation of the family member.

(9) Prescribe rules and regulations necessary or appropriate for carrying out this chapter.

(10) Exercise the powers conferred on it under part C of this subchapter for the purpose of ensuring the safety and soundness of System institutions.

(11) Exercise such incidental powers as may be necessary or appropriate to fulfill its duties and carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(12) Require surety bonds or other provisions for protection of the assets of the institutions of the System against losses occasioned by employees.

(13)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), the Farm Credit Administration may approve an amendment to the charter of any institution of the Farm Credit System operating under subchapter I or II, which would authorize the institution to exercise lending authority in any territory—

(i) in the geographic area served by an association that was reassigned pursuant to section 433 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 (12 U.S.C. 2071 note) (where the geographic area was a part of the association's territory as of the date of the reassignment); and

(ii) in which the charter of an institution that is not seeking the charter amendment authorizes the institution to exercise the type of lending authority that is the subject of the charter request.

(B) The Farm Credit Administration may approve a charter amendment under subparagraph (A) only on the approval of—

(i) the respective boards of directors of the associations that, if the charter request is approved, would exercise like lending authority in any of the territory that is the subject of the charter request;

(ii) a majority of the stockholders of each association described in clause (i) voting, in person or by proxy, at a duly authorized stockholders' meeting; and

(iii) the respective boards of directors of the Farm Credit Banks that, if the charter request is approved, would exercise, either directly or through associations, like lending authority in any of the territory described in subparagraph (A)(i).

(14)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), the Farm Credit Administration may approve a request to charter an association of the Farm Credit System to operate under subchapter II where the proposed charter—

(i) will include any of the geographic area included in the territory served by an association that was reassigned pursuant to section 433 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 (12 U.S.C. 2071 note) (where the geographic area was a part of the association's territory as of the date of the reassignment); and

(ii) will authorize the association to exercise lending authority in any territory in the geographic area in which the charter of an association that is not requesting the charter authorizes the association to exercise the type of lending authority that is the subject of the charter request.

(B) The Farm Credit Administration may approve a charter request under subparagraph (A) only on the approval of—

(i) the respective boards of directors of the associations that, if the charter request is approved, would exercise like lending authority in any of the territory that is the subject of the charter request;

(ii) a majority vote of the stockholders (if any) of each association described in clause (i) voting, in person or by proxy, at a duly authorized stockholder's meeting; and

(iii) the respective boards of directors of the Farm Credit Banks that, if the charter request is approved, would exercise, either directly or through associations, like lending authority in any of the territory described in subparagraph (A)(i).

(15)(A) Approve amendments to the charters of institutions of the Farm Credit System to implement the equalization of loan-making powers of a Farm Credit System association under section 2279c of this title.

(B) Amendments described in subparagraph (A) to the charters of an association and the related Farm Credit Bank shall be approved by the Farm Credit Administration, subject to any conditions of approval imposed, by not later than 30 days after the date on which the Farm Credit Administration receives all approvals required by section 2279c(a)(2) of this title.

(b) Exclusions

The Farm Credit Administration shall not have authority, either direct or indirect, to approve bylaws, or any amendments or modifications or changes to bylaws, of System institutions.

(c) Proposed and final regulations; procedures applicable

(1) At least thirty days prior to publishing any proposed regulation in the Federal Register, the Farm Credit Administration shall transmit a copy of the regulation to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate. The Farm Credit Administration shall also transmit to such committees a copy of any final regulation prior to its publication in the Federal Register. Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, no final regulation of the Farm Credit Administration shall become effective prior to the expiration of thirty calendar days after it is published in the Federal Register during which either or both Houses of the Congress are in session.

(2) In the case of an emergency, a final regulation of the Farm Credit Administration may become effective without regard to the last sentence of paragraph (1) of this subsection if the Farm Credit Administration notifies in writing the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate setting forth the reasons why it is necessary to make the regulation effective prior to the expiration of the thirty-day period.

(d) Legislative veto of regulations; procedures applicable

(1) If there are any unresolved differences between the Farm Credit Administration and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System as to whether any regulation implementing section 2128(b) of this title or the other provisions of subchapter III relating to the authority under section 2128(b) of this title conforms to national banking policies, objectives and limitations, simultaneously with promulgation of any such regulation under this chapter, and simultaneously with promulgation of any regulation implementing section 2015(b) of this title, the Farm Credit Administration shall transmit a copy thereof to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives. Except as provided in paragraph (2), the regulation shall not become effective if, within ninety calendar days of continuous session of Congress after the date of promulgation, both Houses of Congress adopt a concurrent resolution, the matter after the resolving clause of which is as follows: “That Congress disapproves the regulations promulgated by the Farm Credit Administration dealing with the matter of _____, which regulation was transmitted to Congress on _____”, the blank spaces therein being appropriately filled.

(2) If at the end of sixty calendar days of continuous session of Congress after the date of promulgation of a regulation, no committee of either House of Congress has reported or been discharged from further consideration of a concur-

rent resolution disapproving the regulation, and neither House has adopted such a resolution, the regulation may go into effect immediately. If, within such sixty calendar days, such a committee has reported or been discharged from further consideration of such a resolution, or either House has adopted such a resolution, the regulation may go into effect not sooner than ninety calendar days of continuous session of Congress after its promulgation unless disapproved as provided in paragraph (1).

(3) For the purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection—

(i) continuity of session is broken only by an adjournment of Congress sine die; and

(ii) the days on which either House is not in session because of an adjournment of more than three days to a day certain are excluded in the computation of sixty and ninety calendar days of continuous session of Congress.

(4) Congressional inaction on or rejection of a resolution of disapproval shall not be deemed an expression of approval of such regulation.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title V, §5.17, formerly §5.18, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 621; Pub. L. 96-592, title V, §§507, 508, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3449; renumbered §5.17 and amended Pub. L. 99-205, title II, §201(7), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1691; Pub. L. 99-509, title I, §1036, Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1878; Pub. L. 100-233, title II, §207(a)(2), title IV, §417, formerly §414, §418(d), formerly §415(d), §§424(a), 431(e), title VIII, §§802(v), 805(z), Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1607, 1653, 1656, 1660, 1713, 1717, renumbered §§417, 418(d), Pub. L. 100-399, title IV, §409(a), Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 1003; Pub. L. 100-399, title II, §205, title IV, §409(e), title IX, §901(m), (n), Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 993, 1003, 1008; Pub. L. 101-624, title XVIII, §1843(a)(1), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3836; Pub. L. 102-237, title V, §502(h), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1869; Pub. L. 102-552, title IV, §401(c), title V, §511, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4128, 4132; Pub. L. 104-105, title II, §§210, 211, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 174; Pub. L. 110-234, title V, §5407(b), (c)(1), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1160; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title V, §5407(b), (c)(1), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1921, 1922; Pub. L. 115-334, title V, §5411(29), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4682.)

Editorial Notes**CODIFICATION**

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5.17 of Pub. L. 92-181 was renumbered section 5.16 and is classified to section 2251 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 115-334 struck out “In issuing charters and certificates of territory for district-wide mergers of associations where stockholders of one or more associations did not approve the merger, the charter of the new or merged association shall not include the territory of the disagreeing association or associations; charters issued during calendar year 1985 for district-wide new or merged associations which included the territory of a disagreeing association shall be revoked and reissued to exclude such territory, unless subsequently agreed to by the board of directors of

such association or associations. The Farm Credit Administration Board shall ensure that disapproving associations (A) shall not be charged any assessment under this chapter at a rate higher than that charged other like associations in the district, and (B) shall be provided with financial services and assistance on the same basis as other like associations in the district (including, but not limited to, access to credit and rates of interest on loans and discounts) by a district Farm Credit bank to the association and its member-borrowers." after "institutions involved."

2008—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 110-246, §5407(c)(1), substituted "(2)" for "(2)(A)" and struck out pars. (B) and (C) which prohibited issuance or amendment of the charter of any institution of the Farm Credit System that would authorize the institution to exercise lending authority in a territory in which the charter of another such institution authorized the other institution to exercise like authority, unless specified approvals were obtained, and provided that such prohibition would apply only in geographic areas where, due to the failure of a merger, the Federal intermediate credit bank or its successor was chartered to provide short- and intermediate-term credit, and a neighboring Farm Credit Bank that was not the successor to the Federal intermediate credit bank was chartered to provide long-term credit, in the same geographic territory.

Subsec. (a)(15). Pub. L. 110-246, §5407(b), added par. (15).

1996—Subsec. (a)(2)(A). Pub. L. 104-105, §210, struck out "or management agreements" after "consolidations of boards of directors" in first sentence.

Subsec. (a)(8). Pub. L. 104-105, §211, inserted "the requirements of the Farm Credit Administration governing the dissemination to stockholders of quarterly reports of System institutions may not be more burdensome or costly than the requirements applicable to national banks, and" after "except that".

1992—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 102-552, §401(c), designated existing provisions as subpar. (A) and added subpars. (B) and (C).

Subsec. (a)(13), (14). Pub. L. 102-552, §511, added pars. (13) and (14).

1991—Subsec. (a)(8)(B)(ii). Pub. L. 102-237 struck out second period at end.

1990—Subsec. (a)(13). Pub. L. 101-624 struck out par. (13) which read as follows: "Except for associations, approve the salary scale for employees of the institutions of the System, and approve the compensation of the chief executive officer of such institutions: *Provided*, That no salary scale or rate of compensation shall be approved under this provision unless determined by the Board to be fair and reasonable. The Board may not delegate its responsibilities under this paragraph."

1988—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 100-399, §901(m)(1), substituted "district banks" for "district boards".

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 100-399, §901(m)(2), substituted "district bank boards" for "boards of the districts".

Pub. L. 100-399, §409(e), substituted "approve the consolidation or division of the territories of institutions when agreed to" for "the consolidation or division of the territories that they serve when agreed to".

Pub. L. 100-233, §802(v)(1)(A), substituted "approve amendments to" for "amend or modify".

Pub. L. 100-233, §415(d), substituted "section 2279a of this title" for "section 2181 of this title" and "approve mergers and any related activities as provided for in subchapter VII; and" for "approve mergers of banks operating under the same subchapter of this chapter, merger of Federal land bank associations, merger of production credit associations, and".

Pub. L. 100-233, §414, substituted ". The Farm Credit Administration Board shall ensure that disapproving associations (A) shall not be charged any assessment under this chapter at a rate higher than that charged other like associations in the district, and (B) shall be provided with financial services and assistance on the same basis as other like associations in the district" for "and the Farm Credit Administration shall ensure that the board of directors of district banks does not

discriminate against the disapproving associations in exercising its supervisory authorities. Such associations shall not be (i) charged any assessment under this chapter at a rate higher than that charged other like associations in the district or (ii) discriminated against in the provision of any financial service and assistance".

Pub. L. 100-233, §431(e)(1), substituted "The Farm Credit Administration Board, after consultation with the respective boards of directors of the affected banks, may require two or more banks operating under the same or different titles to merge if the Board determines that one of such banks has failed to meet its outstanding obligations" for "The Chairman of the Farm Credit Administration Board, after consultation with the respective district board or boards and the board of directors of the Capital Corporation may require two or more banks of the Farm Credit System (other than Central Banks for Cooperatives) operating under the same subchapter to merge if the Chairman determines that one of such banks has failed to meet outstanding obligations of such bank."

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 100-399, §901(m)(3), substituted "Farm Credit Banks under section 2207(b) of this title" for "Federal land banks and Federal intermediate credit banks under section 2207(b) of this title".

Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 100-233, §802(v)(1)(B), struck out "that meet standards and criteria established by the Farm Credit Administration, including standards and criteria with respect to (A) interest rates on obligations of Farm Credit System institutions, and (B) the payment of dividends or patronage refunds by Farm Credit System institutions" after "Farm Credit institutions".

Subsec. (a)(8). Pub. L. 100-399, §205, redesignated par. (9) as (8).

Pub. L. 100-233, §207(a)(2), struck out par. (8) which read as follows: "Make investments in stock of the Capital Corporation out of the revolving fund referred to in section 2151 of this title, and require the retirement of such stock."

Subsec. (a)(9). Pub. L. 100-399, §205, redesignated par. (10) as (9). Former par. (9) redesignated (8).

Pub. L. 100-233, §424(a), inserted provisions limiting Farm Credit Administration from requiring System institutions to disclose in reports to stockholders certain information concerning condition or classification of loans to certain directors or members of immediate family of certain directors.

Subsec. (a)(10) to (12). Pub. L. 100-399, §205, redesignated pars. (11) to (13) as (10) to (12), respectively. Former par. (10) redesignated (9).

Subsec. (a)(13). Pub. L. 100-399, §205, redesignated par. (14) as (13). Former par. (13) redesignated (12).

Pub. L. 100-233, §805(z), redesignated par. (14) as (13), and struck out former par. (13) which read as follows: "Sue and be sued, complain and defend in any court of law or equity, State or Federal. All suits of a civil nature at common law or in equity to which the Farm Credit Administration shall be a party shall be deemed to arise under the laws of the United States, and the United States district courts shall have original jurisdiction thereof, without regard to the amount of the controversy; and the Farm Credit Administration may, without bond or security, remove any such action, suit, or proceeding from a State court to the United States district court for the district or division embracing the place where the same is pending by following any procedure for removal now or hereafter in effect. Service of process on the Farm Credit Administration shall be in accordance with provisions of title 28 and rules adopted under title 28 for suits in which an agency of the United States is a party. The Farm Credit Administration shall designate an agent at its principal office to accept service of process."

Subsec. (a)(14). Pub. L. 100-399, §205, redesignated par. (14) as (13).

Pub. L. 100-233, §§431(e)(2), 805(z), redesignated par. (15) as (14) and inserted "by the Board" and "The Board may not delegate its responsibilities under this paragraph." Former subsec. (14) redesignated (13).

Subsec. (a)(15). Pub. L. 100-233, §805(z), redesignated par. (15) as (14).

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 100-233, §802(v)(2), added subsec. (b) and redesignated former subsec. (b) as (c). Former subsec. (c) redesignated (d).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 100-233, §802(v)(2), redesignated subsec. (c) as (d).

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 100-399, §901(n)(1), made technical amendment to reference to sections 2015(b) and 2128(b) of this title involving underlying provisions of original act and requiring no change in text.

Pub. L. 100-399, §901(n), substituted “section 2015(b) of this title” for “section 2074 of this title”.

1986—Subsec. (a)(5)(A). Pub. L. 99-509 struck out “and on loans made or discounted by such institutions” after “Farm Credit System institutions”.

1985—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-205 amended subsec. (a) generally, revising and reorganizing the enumerated powers of the Farm Credit Administration by substituting pars. (1) to (15) for former pars. (1) to (17).

1980—Pub. L. 96-592 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), in par. (3) inserted provisions relating to summary and analysis of reports, and added subsecs. (b) and (c).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

Pub. L. 110-234, title V, §5407(d), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1161, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title V, §5407(d), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1922, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting section 2279c of this title and amending this section and provisions set out as notes under section 2011 of this title] take effect on January 1, 2010.”

[Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 enacted identical provisions. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.]

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1991 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-237 effective as if included in the provision of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, Pub. L. 101-624, to which the amendment relates, see section 1101(b)(4) of Pub. L. 102-237, set out as a note under section 1421 of Title 7, Agriculture.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENTS

Amendment by sections 205 and 409(a), (e) of Pub. L. 100-399 effective as if enacted immediately after enactment of Pub. L. 100-233, which was approved Jan. 6, 1988, and amendment by section 901(m), (n) of Pub. L. 100-399 effective immediately after amendment made by section 401 of Pub. L. 100-233, which was effective 6 months after Jan. 6, 1988, see section 1001 of Pub. L. 100-399, set out as a note under section 2002 of this title.

Amendment by section 207(a)(2) of Pub. L. 100-233 effective 15 days after Jan. 6, 1988, see section 207(b) of Pub. L. 100-233 set out as an Effective Date of Repeal note under section 2152 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-205 effective thirty days after Dec. 23, 1985, see section 401 of Pub. L. 99-205, set out as a note under section 2001 of this title.

REGULATIONS

Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, §424(b), Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1656, provided that: “Within 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 6, 1988], the Farm Credit Administration shall amend its regulations as nec-

essary to implement the amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section].”

TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of provisions in subsec. (a)(3) of this section relating to requirement to make annual reports to Congress, see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and page 166 of House Document No. 103-7.

COMPENSATION DISCLOSURE BY FARM CREDIT SYSTEM INSTITUTIONS

Pub. L. 113-79, title V, §5404, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 840, provided that:

“(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

“(1) the reasonable disclosure to stockholders by Farm Credit System institutions regarding the compensation of Farm Credit System institution senior officers is beneficial to stockholders’ understanding of the operation of their institutions;

“(2) transparency regarding compensation practices reinforces the cooperative nature of Farm Credit System institutions;

“(3) the unique cooperative structure of the Farm Credit System should be considered when promulgating rules;

“(4) the participation of stockholders in the election of the boards of directors of Farm Credit System institutions provides stockholders the opportunity to participate in the management of their institutions;

“(5) as representatives of stockholders, the boards of directors of Farm Credit System institutions importantly establish and oversee the compensation practices of Farm Credit System institutions to ensure the safe and sound operation of those institutions; and

“(6) any regulation should strengthen and not hinder the ability of Farm Credit System boards of directors to oversee compensation practices.

“(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Feb. 7, 2014], the Farm Credit Administration shall review its rules to reflect Congressional intent that a primary responsibility of the boards of directors of Farm Credit System institutions, as elected representatives of their stockholders, is to oversee compensation practices.”

REGULATORY REVIEW

Pub. L. 104-105, title II, §212, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 174, provided that:

“(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

“(1) the Farm Credit Administration, in the role of the Administration as an arms-length safety and soundness regulator, has made considerable progress in reducing the regulatory burden on Farm Credit System institutions;

“(2) the efforts of the Farm Credit Administration described in paragraph (1) have resulted in cost savings for Farm Credit System institutions; and

“(3) the cost savings described in paragraph (2) ultimately benefit the farmers, ranchers, agricultural cooperatives, and rural residents of the United States.

“(b) CONTINUATION OF REGULATORY REVIEW.—The Farm Credit Administration shall continue the comprehensive review of regulations governing the Farm Credit System to identify and eliminate, consistent with law, safety, and soundness, all regulations that are unnecessary, unduly burdensome or costly, or not based on law.”

FORBEARANCE AND RESTRUCTURING FOR FARM LOANS; FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Pub. L. 100-387, title III, §313(b), Aug. 11, 1988, 102 Stat. 950, provided that: “It further is the sense of Congress that the Farm Credit Administration should in its oversight of Farm Credit System institutions, with respect to farmers and ranchers who suffer major losses due to drought, hail, excessive moisture, or related condition in 1988—

“(1) ensure that Farm Credit System institutions exercise forbearance in the collection of principal and interest on loans outstanding to such farmers and ranchers;

“(2) expedite the use of credit restructuring and other credit relief mechanisms authorized under the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 [Pub. L. 100-233, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1568, see Tables for classification] and related provisions of law for such farmers and ranchers; and

“(3) encourage other lenders participating with Farm Credit System institutions in mutual loan agreements to exercise forbearance before declaring loans to such farmers and ranchers in default.”

§ 2253. Repealed. Pub. L. 115-334, title V, § 5411(30), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4682

Section, Pub. L. 92-181, title V, § 5.18, as added Pub. L. 99-205, title II, § 202(b), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1693, related to continued effectiveness of certain delegations made by the Farm Credit Administration through twelve months after Dec. 23, 1985.

A prior section 2253, Pub. L. 92-181, title V, § 5.19, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 622, related to delegation of duties and powers to financial institutions, prior to repeal, effective thirty days after Dec. 23, 1985, by Pub. L. 99-205, title II, § 202(a), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1693.

A prior section 5.18 of Pub. L. 92-181 was renumbered section 5.17 and is classified to section 2252 of this title.

§ 2254. Examinations

(a) Scope and frequency of examinations; power, authority, and liability of examiners

Each institution of the System shall be examined by Farm Credit Administration examiners at such times as the Board may determine, but in no event less than once during each 18-month period. Such examinations may include, if appropriate, but are not limited to, an analysis of credit and collateral quality and capitalization of the institution, and appraisals of the effectiveness of the institution's management and application of policies governing the carrying out of this chapter and regulations of the Farm Credit Administration and servicing all eligible borrowers. Examination of banks shall include an analysis of the compensation paid to the chief executive officer and the salary scales of the employees of the bank. At the direction of the Board, Farm Credit Administration examiners also shall make examinations of the condition of any organization, other than federally regulated financial institutions, to, for, or with which any institution of the System contemplates making a loan or discounting paper. For the purposes of this chapter, examiners of the Farm Credit Administration shall be subject to the same requirements, responsibilities, and penalties as are applicable to examiners under the National Bank Act [12 U.S.C. 21 et seq.], the Federal Reserve Act [12 U.S.C. 221 et seq.], and Federal Deposit Insurance Act [12 U.S.C. 1811 et seq.], and other provisions of law and shall have the same powers and privileges as are vested in such examiners by law.

(b) Annual report of condition

Each institution of the System shall make and publish an annual report of condition as prescribed by the Farm Credit Administration. Each such report shall contain financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and contain such

additional information as the Farm Credit Administration by regulation may require. Such financial statements of System institutions shall be audited by an independent public accountant.

(c) Report of examination of noncomplying institution; publication; notice of intention

The Farm Credit Administration may publish the report of examination of any System institution that does not, before the end of the 120th day after the date of notification of the recommendations and suggestions of the Farm Credit Administration, based on such examination, comply with such recommendations and suggestions to the satisfaction of the Farm Credit Administration. The Farm Credit Administration shall give notice of intention to publish in the event of such noncompliance at least 90 days before such publication. Such notice of intention may be given any time after such notification of recommendations and suggestions.

(d) Duties of Farm Credit Administration

On receipt of a request made under section 2277a-8(b)(1)(B) of this title with respect to a System institution, the Farm Credit Administration shall—

(1) furnish for the confidential use of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation reports of examination of the institution and other reports or information on the institution; and

(2)(A) examine, or obtain other information on, the institution and furnish for the confidential use of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation the report of the examination and such other information; or

(B) if the Farm Credit Administration Board determines that compliance with the request would substantially impair the ability of the Farm Credit Administration to carry out the other duties and responsibilities of the Farm Credit Administration under this chapter, notify the Board of Directors of the Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation that the Farm Credit Administration will be unable to comply with the request.

(e) Sharing of privileged and confidential information

A System institution shall not be considered to have waived the confidentiality of a privileged communication with an attorney or an accountant if the System institution provides the content of the communication to the Farm Credit Administration pursuant to the supervisory or regulatory authorities of the Farm Credit Administration.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title V, § 5.19, formerly § 5.20, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 623; renumbered § 5.19 and amended Pub. L. 99-205, title II, § 203(a), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1693; Pub. L. 99-509, title I, § 1037, Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1878; Pub. L. 100-233, title II, § 205(b), title IV, § 432(b), Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1607, 1661; Pub. L. 100-399, title II, § 204, title IV, § 416(c), Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 993, 1004; Pub. L. 101-624, title XVIII, § 1843(b), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3836; Pub. L. 102-552, title V, §§ 512, 513(b), Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4133, 4134; Pub. L. 104-105, title II, § 213, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 175; Pub. L. 115-334, title V, §§ 5404, 5411(31), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4676, 4682.)

Editorial Notes**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 5.19 of Pub. L. 92-181 was classified to section 2253 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 99-205, title II, § 202(a), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1693.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Bank Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is act June 3, 1864, ch. 106, 13 Stat. 99, which is classified principally to chapter 2 (§ 21 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see References in Text note set out under section 38 of this title.

The Federal Reserve Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is act Dec. 23, 1913, ch. 6, 38 Stat. 251, which is classified principally to chapter 3 (§ 221 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see References in Text note set out under section 226 of this title and Tables.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is act Sept. 21, 1950, ch. 967, § 2, 64 Stat. 873, which is classified generally to chapter 16 (§ 1811 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1811 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-334, § 5411(31)(A), substituted “Each institution” for “Except for Federal land bank associations, each institution” and struck out “Each Federal land bank association shall be examined by Farm Credit Administration examiners at such times as the Farm Credit Administration Board may determine, except that each such association shall be examined at least once every three years.” after “each 18-month period.”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 115-334, § 5411(31)(B), struck out par. (1) designation before “Each institution”, struck out “, except with respect to any actions taken by any banks of the System under section 2159(b) of this title,” after “accounting principles” and “Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding sentence and any other provision of this chapter, for the period July 1, 1986, through December 31, 1988, the institutions of the Farm Credit System may, on the prior approval of the Farm Credit Administration and subject to such conditions as it may establish, capitalize annually their provision for losses that is in excess of one-half of 1 percent of loans outstanding and amortize such capitalized amounts over a period not to exceed 20 years.” after “may require.”, and struck out pars. (2) and (3) which read as follows:

“(2) In accordance with the regulations of the Farm Credit Administration, for the period ending December 31, 1992, System institutions are authorized to use the authorities contained in the third sentence of paragraph (1) except as otherwise provided in section 2278a-6 of this title.

“(3) Any preferred stock issued under section 2278b-7 of this title shall be subordinated to, and impaired before, other stock or equities of the institution.”

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 115-334, § 5404, added subsec. (e).

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-105 substituted “during each 18-month period” for “each year” in first sentence.

1992—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-552, § 512, substituted “may include, if appropriate” for “shall include” in third sentence.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 102-552, § 513(b), added subsec. (d).

1990—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 101-624 inserted after third sentence “Examination of banks shall include an analysis of the compensation paid to the chief executive officer and the salary scales of the employees of the bank.”

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-399, § 416(c), substituted “at least once every three years” for “at least once every 5 years”.

Pub. L. 100-233, § 432(b), substituted “Except for Federal land bank associations, each” for “Each”, sub-

stituted “the Board” for “the Chairman of the Board” in two places, and inserted after first sentence “Each Federal land bank association shall be examined by Farm Credit Administration examiners at such times as the Farm Credit Administration Board may determine, except that each such association shall be examined at least once every 5 years.”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-233, § 205(b), designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added pars. (2) and (3).

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 100-399, § 204, substituted “the third sentence of paragraph (1)” for “this section”.

1986—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-509 substituted second and third sentences for former second sentence which read as follows: “Each such report shall contain financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and contain such additional information as the Farm Credit Administration by regulation may require.”

1985—Pub. L. 99-205 in amending section generally, revised and restated existing provisions in subsec. (a) and added subsecs. (b) and (c). Prior to amendment, section read as follows: “Except as provided herein, each institution of the System, and each of their agents, at such times as the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration may determine, shall be examined and audited by farm credit examiners under the direction of an independent chief Farm Credit Administration examiner, but each bank and each production credit association shall be examined and audited not less frequently than once each year. Such examinations shall include objective appraisals of the effectiveness of management and application of policies in carrying out the provisions of this chapter and in servicing all eligible borrowers. If the Governor determines it to be necessary or appropriate, the required examinations and audits may be made by independent certified public accountants, certified by a regulatory authority of a State, and in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Upon request of the Governor or any bank of the System, farm credit examiners shall also make examinations and written reports of the condition of any organization, other than national banks, to which, or with which, any institution of the System contemplates making a loan or discounting paper of such organization. For the purposes of this chapter, examiners of the Farm Credit Administration shall be subject to the same requirements, responsibilities, and penalties as are applicable to examiners under the National Bank Act [12 U.S.C. 21 et seq.], the Federal Reserve Act [12 U.S.C. 221 et seq.], the Federal Deposit Insurance Act [12 U.S.C. 1811 et seq.], and other provisions of law and shall have the same powers and privileges as are vested in such examiners by law.”

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-399 effective as if enacted immediately after enactment of Pub. L. 100-233, which was approved Jan. 6, 1988, see section 1001(a) of Pub. L. 100-399, set out as a note under section 2002 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-205 effective thirty days after Dec. 23, 1985, see section 401 of Pub. L. 99-205, set out as a note under section 2001 of this title.

RESTRAINT BY FEDERAL BANK REGULATORY AGENCIES IN OVERSEEING AGRICULTURAL BORROWERS

Pub. L. 99-198, title XIII, § 1326, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1540, provided that:

“(a) Congress finds and declares that—

“(1) high production costs and low commodity prices have combined to reduce farm income to the lowest levels since the depths of the Depression in the 1930's, to subject many agricultural producers, through no fault of their own, to severe economic hardship, and in many cases temporarily but seriously to impair producers' ability to meet loan repayment schedules in a timely fashion; and

“(2) a policy of adverse classification of agricultural loans by bank examiners under these circumstances will trigger a wave of foreclosures and similar actions on the part of banks, thereby depressing land values and prices for agricultural facilities and equipment and having a devastating effect on farmers and the banking industry, and upon rural areas of the United States in general.

“(b) It is therefore the sense of Congress that the Federal bank regulatory agencies should ensure, in their examination procedures, that examiners exercise caution and restraint and give due consideration not only to the current cash flow of agricultural borrowers under financial stress, but to factors such as their loan collateral and ultimate ability to repay as well, for so long as the adverse economic effects of the cost-price squeeze of recent years continue to impair the ability of these borrowers to meet scheduled repayments on their loans.”

§ 2255. Conditions of other banks and lending institutions

The Comptroller of the Currency is authorized and directed, upon request of the Farm Credit Administration to furnish for confidential use of an institution of the System such reports, records, and other information as he may have available relating to the financial condition of national banks through, for, or with which such institution of the System has made or contemplates making discounts or loans and to make such further examination, as may be agreed, of organizations through, for, or with which such institution of the Farm Credit System has made or contemplates making discounts or loans.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title V, § 5.20, formerly § 5.21, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 623; renumbered § 5.20, Pub. L. 99-205, title II, § 203(b), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1694.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5.20 of Pub. L. 92-181 was renumbered section 5.19 and is classified to section 2254 of this title.

§ 2256. Consent to the availability of reports and to examinations

Any organization other than State banks, trust companies, and savings associations shall, as a condition precedent to securing discount privileges with a bank of the Farm Credit System, file with such bank its written consent to examination by farm credit examiners as may be directed by the Farm Credit Administration; and State banks, trust companies, and savings associations may be required in like manner to file a written consent that reports of their examination by constituted State authorities may be furnished by such authorities upon the request of the Farm Credit Administration.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title V, § 5.21, formerly § 5.22, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 623; renumbered § 5.21, Pub. L. 99-205, title II, § 203(b), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1694.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5.21 of Pub. L. 92-181 was renumbered section 5.20 and is classified to section 2255 of this title.

§ 2257. Reports on conditions of institutions receiving loans or deposits

The executive departments, boards, commissions, and independent establishments of the Government of the United States, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and the Federal Reserve banks are severally authorized under such conditions as they may prescribe, upon request of the Farm Credit Administration, to make available to it or to any institution of the System in confidence all reports, records, or other information relating to the condition of any organization to which such institution of the System has made or contemplates making loan or for which it has or contemplates discounting paper, or which it is using or contemplates using as a custodian of securities or other credit instruments, or a depository. The Federal Reserve banks in their capacity as depositories, agents, and custodians for bonds, debentures, and other obligations issued by the banks of the System or book entries thereof are also authorized and directed, upon request of the Farm Credit Administration, to make available for audit by farm credit examiners all appropriate books, accounts, financial records, files, and other papers.

(Pub. L. 92-181 title V, § 5.22, formerly § 5.23, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 624; renumbered § 5.22, Pub. L. 99-205, title II, § 203(b), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1694.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5.22 of Pub. L. 92-181 was renumbered section 5.21 and is classified to section 2256 of this title.

§ 2257a. Uniform financial reporting instructions

(a) In general

Each System institution shall comply with uniform financial reporting instructions required by the Farm Credit Administration, to standardize and facilitate the reporting of System data.

(b) Computerized system

If the financial reports are maintained by a computer system, each System institution may develop an internal computer system or it may contract out to a vendor under open competitive bidding any or all aspects of the computerized system.

(c) Submission of proposal

Within 6 months of January 6, 1988, each System institution shall submit to the Farm Credit Administration a report on the plan of that institution to bring the operations of the institution into compliance with the uniform financial reporting instructions required by the Farm Credit Administration.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title V, § 5.22A, as added Pub. L. 100-233, title IV, § 429, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1658.)

§ 2258. Jurisdiction

Each institution of the System shall for the purposes of jurisdiction be deemed to be a cit-

izen of the State, commonwealth, or District of Columbia in which its principal office is located. (Pub. L. 92-181, title V, § 5.23, formerly § 5.24, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 624; Pub. L. 94-184, § 1(b), Dec. 31, 1975, 89 Stat. 1060; renumbered § 5.23, Pub. L. 99-205, title II, § 203(b), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1694.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5.23 of Pub. L. 92-181 was renumbered section 5.22 and is classified to section 2257 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1975—Pub. L. 94-184 struck out provisions prohibiting district court jurisdiction on the basis of incorporation under this Act or prior Federal law, and prohibiting jurisdiction except in cases by or against the United States or one of its officers, or against a person over whom State courts have no jurisdiction and except in cases by or against a receiver or conservator appointed under this chapter.

§ 2259. State legislation

Whenever it is determined by the Farm Credit Administration, or by judicial decision, that a State law is applicable to the obligations and securities authorized to be held by the institutions of the System under this chapter, which law would provide insufficient protection or inadequate safeguards against loss in the event of default, the Farm Credit Administration may declare such obligations or securities to be ineligible as collateral for the issuance of new notes, bonds, debentures, and other obligations under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title V, § 5.24, formerly § 5.25, Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 624; renumbered § 5.24, Pub. L. 99-205, title II, § 203(b), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1694.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5.24 of Pub. L. 92-181 was renumbered section 5.23 and is classified to section 2258 of this title.

§ 2260. Transferred

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section, Pub. L. 92-181, title V, § 5.30, as added Pub. L. 96-592, title V, § 509, Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3450, which related to audit and report to Congress by the Comptroller General, was renumbered section 5.44 of Pub. L. 92-181 by Pub. L. 99-205, title II, § 205(a)(2), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1703, transferred to section 2275 of this title, and repealed by Pub. L. 115-334, title V, § 5411(36), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4683.

PART C—ENFORCEMENT POWERS OF FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

§ 2261. Cease and desist proceedings

(a) If, in the opinion of the Farm Credit Administration, any institution in the Farm Credit System, or any director, officer, employee, agent, or other person participating in the conduct of the affairs of such an institution is engaging or has engaged, or the Farm Credit Ad-

ministration has reasonable cause to believe that the institution or any director, officer, employee, agent, or other person participating in the conduct of the affairs of such institution is about to engage, in an unsafe or unsound practice in conducting the business of such institution, or is violating or has violated, or the Farm Credit Administration has reasonable cause to believe that the institution or any director, officer, employee, agent, or other person participating in the conduct of the affairs of such institution is about to violate, a law, rule, or regulation, or any condition imposed in writing by the Farm Credit Administration in connection with the granting of any application or other request by the institution or any written agreement entered into with the Farm Credit Administration, the Farm Credit Administration may issue and serve upon the institution or such director, officer, employee, agent, or other person a notice of charges in respect thereof. The notice shall contain a statement of the facts constituting the alleged violation or violations or the unsafe or unsound practice or practices, and shall fix a time and place at which a hearing will be held to determine whether an order to cease and desist therefrom should issue against the institution or the director, officer, employee, agent, or other person participating in the conduct of the affairs of such institution. Such hearing shall be fixed for a date not earlier than thirty days nor later than sixty days after service of such notice unless an earlier or a later date is set by the Farm Credit Administration at the request of any party so served. Unless the party or parties so served shall appear at the hearing personally or by a duly authorized representative, they shall be deemed to have consented to the issuance of the cease and desist order. In the event of such consent, or if upon the record made at any such hearing, the Farm Credit Administration shall find that any violation or unsafe or unsound practice specified in the notice of charges has been established, the Farm Credit Administration may issue and serve upon the institution or the director, officer, employee, agent, or other person participating in the conduct of the affairs of such institution an order to cease and desist from any such violation or practice. Such order may, by provisions that may be mandatory or otherwise, require the institution or its directors, officers, employees, agents, and other persons participating in the conduct of the affairs of such institution to cease and desist from the same, and, further, to take affirmative action to correct the conditions resulting from any such violation or practice.

(b) A cease and desist order shall become effective at the expiration of thirty days after the service of such order upon the institution or other person concerned (except in the case of a cease and desist order issued upon consent, which shall become effective at the time specified therein), and shall remain effective and enforceable as provided therein except to such extent as it is stayed, modified, terminated, or set aside by action of the Farm Credit Administration or a reviewing court.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title V, § 5.25, as added Pub. L. 99-205, title II, § 204, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1694.)