

an administrative hearing in any judicial district in any action or proceeding arising under section 2279e of this title may run to any other judicial district.

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## CHAPTER 55A—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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### CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in sections 390b, 390c, 450i, 3124a, 3129a, 3152, 3196 of this title; title 19 section 2155; title 21 section 679a.

### § 2281. Congressional declaration of purpose

The purposes of this chapter are to—

- (1) require strict financial and program accounting by advisory committees of the Department of Agriculture;
- (2) assure balance and objectivity in the membership of such advisory committees; and
- (3) prevent the formation or continuation of unnecessary advisory committees by the Department of Agriculture.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XVIII, §1801, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1041; Pub. L. 97-98, title XI, §1116(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1270.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1981—Pub. L. 97-98 reenacted section without change.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-98 effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97-98, set out as an Effective Date note under section 4301 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Chapter effective Oct. 1, 1977, see section 1901 of Pub. L. 95-113, set out as an Effective Date of 1977 Amendment note under section 1307 of this title.

#### SOYBEAN RESEARCH ADVISORY INSTITUTE; ESTABLISHMENT, COMPOSITION, ETC.

Section 1446 of Pub. L. 97-98 provided for the establishment of a Soybean Research Advisory Institute for the purpose of preparing and submitting to Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and House Committee on Agriculture, not later than Mar. 1, 1983, a comprehensive report, with appropriate recommendations, on the findings of the Institute regarding research on soybean production and utilization, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 99-198, title XIV, §1434, Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1557.

### § 2282. Definitions

When used in this chapter—

- (1) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States;
- (2) the term “Department of Agriculture” means the United States Department of Agriculture; and

(3) the term “advisory committee” means any committee, board, commission, council, conference, panel, task force, or other similar group, or any subcommittee or other subgroup thereof that is established or utilized by the Department of Agriculture in the interest of obtaining advice or recommendations for the President or the Department of Agriculture, except that such term excludes any committee which (A) is composed wholly of full-time officers or employees of the Federal Government, (B) is established by statute or reorganization plan, or (C) is established by the President.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XVIII, §1802, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1041; Pub. L. 97-98, title XI, §1116(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1270.)

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### § 2283. Membership on advisory committees

#### (a) Simultaneous service

No person other than an officer or employee of the Department of Agriculture may serve simultaneously on more than one advisory committee, unless authorized by the Secretary.

#### (b) Service by more than one officer or employee of corporation or non-Federal entity

Not more than one officer or employee of any corporation or other non-Federal entity, including all subsidiaries and affiliates thereof, may serve on the same advisory committee at any one time, unless authorized by the Secretary.

#### (c) Maximum length

No person other than an officer or employee of the Department of Agriculture may serve for more than six consecutive years on an advisory committee, unless authorized by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XVIII, §1803, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1041; Pub. L. 97-98, title XI, §1116(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1270.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1981—Pub. L. 97-98 substituted provision relating to membership on advisory committees for provision relating to establishment of advisory committees.

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### § 2284. Repealed. Pub. L. 105-362, title I, § 101(c), Nov. 10, 1998, 112 Stat. 3281

Section, Pub. L. 95-113, title XVIII, §1804, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1041; Pub. L. 97-98, title XI, §1116(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1270, required annual reports to Congress.

### § 2285. Budget prohibitions

No advisory committee may expend funds in excess of its estimated annual operating costs by more than 10 per centum or \$500, whichever is greater, until it provides the Secretary with an