

this chapter by the Commission \$98,100,000 for fiscal year 1986 and \$97,600,000 for fiscal year 1987, together with such sums as may be necessary for increases resulting from adjustments in salary, pay, retirement, other employee benefits required by law, and other nondiscretionary costs, for each of the fiscal years 1986 and 1987.”

1986—Pub. L. 99-272 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: “There are authorized to be appropriated for the administration of this chapter by the Commission \$91,156,000, together with such sums as may be necessary for increases resulting from adjustments in salary, pay, retirement, other employee benefits required by law, and other nondiscretionary costs, for each of the fiscal years 1984 and 1985.”

1983—Pub. L. 98-214 substituted provisions authorizing appropriations of \$91,156,000 for each of the fiscal years 1984 and 1985 for provisions authorizing appropriations of \$76,900,000 for each of the fiscal years 1982 and 1983.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 115-141, div. P, title I, §103, Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1086, provided that: “This title [enacting section 159a of this title, amending this section and sections 158, 159, and 309 of this title, enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 158 and 159 of this title, and repealing provisions set out as a note under this section] and the amendments made by this title shall take effect on October 1, 2018.”

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-594, §2(b), Nov. 3, 1988, 102 Stat. 3021, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) of this section [amending this section] shall apply with respect to fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1987.”

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 99-272, title V, §5002(a)(2), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 118, provided that: “The amendment made by paragraph (1) of this subsection [amending this section] shall apply with respect to fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1985.”

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1983 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 98-214, §2(b), Dec. 8, 1983, 97 Stat. 1467, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to fiscal years beginning after September 30, 1983.”

##### AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Pub. L. 104-104, title VII, §710(a), (b), Feb. 8, 1996, 110 Stat. 160, which authorized additional appropriations to the Federal Communications Commission, was repealed by Pub. L. 115-141, div. P, title I, §101(c)(1), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1082.

### § 157. New technologies and services

(a) It shall be the policy of the United States to encourage the provision of new technologies and services to the public. Any person or party (other than the Commission) who opposes a new technology or service proposed to be permitted under this chapter shall have the burden to demonstrate that such proposal is inconsistent with the public interest.

(b) The Commission shall determine whether any new technology or service proposed in a petition or application is in the public interest within one year after such petition or application is filed. If the Commission initiates its own proceeding for a new technology or service, such

proceeding shall be completed within 12 months after it is initiated.

(June 19, 1934, ch. 652, title I, §7, as added Pub. L. 98-214, §12, Dec. 8, 1983, 97 Stat. 1471; amended Pub. L. 103-414, title III, §304(a)(1), Oct. 25, 1994, 108 Stat. 4296.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this Act”, meaning act June 19, 1934, ch. 652, 48 Stat. 1064, known as the Communications Act of 1934, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 609 of this title and Tables.

##### AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-414 struck out “or twelve months after December 8, 1983, if later” after “petition or application is filed” and after “12 months after it is initiated”.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATIONS INCENTIVES

Pub. L. 104-104, title VII, §706, Feb. 8, 1996, 110 Stat. 153, as amended by Pub. L. 107-110, title X, §1076(gg), Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 2093; Pub. L. 110-385, title I, §103(a), Oct. 10, 2008, 122 Stat. 4096, was transferred and is classified to section 1302 of this title.

### § 158. Application fees

#### (a) General authority; establishment of schedule

The Commission shall assess and collect application fees at such rates as the Commission shall establish in a schedule of application fees to recover the costs of the Commission to process applications.

#### (b) Adjustment of schedule

##### (1) In general

In every even-numbered year, the Commission shall review the schedule of application fees established under this section and, except as provided in paragraph (2), set a new amount for each fee in the schedule that is equal to the amount of the fee on the date when the fee was established or the date when the fee was last amended under subsection (c), whichever is later—

(A) increased or decreased by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index during the period beginning on such date and ending on the date of the review; and

(B) rounded to the nearest \$5 increment.

##### (2) Threshold for adjustment

The Commission may not adjust a fee under paragraph (1) if—

(A) in the case of a fee the current amount of which is less than \$200, the adjustment would result in a change in the current amount of less than \$10; or

(B) in the case of a fee the current amount of which is \$200 or more, the adjustment would result in a change in the current amount of less than 5 percent.

##### (3) Current amount defined

In paragraph (2), the term “current amount” means, with respect to a fee, the amount of