

before period at end “and the agricultural conservation program under the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (16 U.S.C. 590g et seq.)”. Former par. (6) redesignated (4).

Subsec. (b)(7), (8). Pub. L. 104–127, § 336(d)(2)(A)(ii), redesignated pars. (7) and (8) as (5) and (6), respectively.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 104–127, § 336(d)(2)(B), in introductory provisions, substituted “(1), (2), and (4)” for “(2), (3), (4), and (6)”.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### CONSERVATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Pub. L. 117–169, title II, § 21002, Aug. 16, 2022, 136 Stat. 2018, provided that:

“(a) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts otherwise available (and subject to subsection (b)), there are appropriated to the Secretary [of Agriculture] for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to remain available until September 30, 2031 (subject to the condition that no such funds may be disbursed after September 30, 2031)—

“(1) \$1,000,000,000 to provide conservation technical assistance through the Natural Resources Conservation Service; and

“(2) \$300,000,000 to carry out a program to quantify carbon sequestration and carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide emissions, through which the Natural Resources Conservation Service shall collect field-based data to assess the carbon sequestration and reduction in carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide emissions outcomes associated with activities carried out pursuant to this section and use the data to monitor and track those carbon sequestration and emissions trends through the Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Assessment Program of the Department of Agriculture.

“(b) CONDITIONS.—The funds made available under this section are subject to the conditions that the Secretary shall not—

“(1) enter into any agreement—

“(A) that is for a term extending beyond September 30, 2031; or

“(B) under which any payment could be outlaid or funds disbursed after September 30, 2031;

“(2) use any other funds available to the Secretary to satisfy obligations initially made under this section; or

“(3) interpret this section to authorize funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation for activities under this section if such funds are not expressly authorized or currently expended for such purposes.

“(c) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal year 2022, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$100,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028, for administrative costs of the agencies and offices of the Department of Agriculture for costs related to implementing this section.”

##### DEFINITION OF “SECRETARY”

Pub. L. 117–169, title II, § 20001, Aug. 16, 2022, 136 Stat. 2015, provided that: “In this title [amending section 8103 of this title and sections 3839aa–2, 3839aa–8, 3839aa–22, 3839aa–24, 3841, 3844, and 3871d of Title 16, Conservation, enacting provisions set out as a note above, repealing provisions set out as a note under section 1921 of this title, and amending provisions set out as a note under section 2279 of this title], the term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Agriculture.”

#### SUBCHAPTER III—RURAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### § 6941. Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development

#### (a) Authorization

The Secretary shall establish in the Department the position of Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

#### (b) Confirmation required

The Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

#### (c) Functions of Under Secretary

##### (1) Principal functions

Upon establishment, the Secretary shall delegate to the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development those functions under the jurisdiction of the Department that are related to rural economic and community development.

##### (2) Additional functions

The Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development shall perform such other functions as may be required by law or prescribed by the Secretary.

#### (d) Succession

Any official who is serving as Under Secretary of Agriculture for Small Community and Rural Development on October 13, 1994, and who was appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall not be required to be reappointed under subsection (b) to the successor position authorized under subsection (a) if the Secretary establishes the position, and the official occupies the new position, within 180 days after October 13, 1994 (or such later date set by the Secretary if litigation delays rapid succession).

#### (e) Loan approval authority

Approval authority for loans and loan guarantees in connection with the electric and telephone loan and loan guarantee programs authorized by the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.) shall not be transferred to, or conditioned on review of, a State director or other employee whose primary duty is not the review and approval of such loans or the provision of assistance to such borrowers.

(Pub. L. 103–354, title II, § 231, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3218; Pub. L. 104–127, title VII, § 794(a), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1155; Pub. L. 115–334, title XII, § 12407, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4976.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

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

##### CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 231 of Pub. L. 103–354. Subsec. (f) of section 231 of Pub. L. 103–354 amended sec-

tion 5314 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, and repealed sections 2006f and 2211b of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-334, §12407(1), substituted “shall” for “is authorized to”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 115-334, §12407(2), substituted “The Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development shall” for “If the Secretary establishes the position of Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development authorized under subsection (a), the Under Secretary shall”.

1996—Pub. L. 104-127 struck out “Economic and Community” after “Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural”, wherever appearing in section catchline and subsecs. (a) to (c).

### § 6941a. Coordinator for Chronically Underserved Rural Areas

#### (a) Establishment

The Secretary of Agriculture shall establish a Coordinator for Chronically Underserved Rural Areas (in this section referred to as the “Coordinator”), to be located in the Rural Development Mission Area.

#### (b) Mission

The mission of the Coordinator shall be to direct Department of Agriculture resources to high need, high poverty rural areas.

#### (c) Duties

The Coordinator shall consult with other offices in directing technical assistance, strategic regional planning, at the State and local level, for developing rural economic development that leverages the resources of State and local governments and non-profit and community development organizations.

#### (d) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such sums as necessary to carry out this section for fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title XIV, §14218, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1482; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title XIV, §14218, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2244.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 enacted identical sections. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

Section was enacted as part of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, and not as part of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994, which in part comprises this chapter.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE

Enactment 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, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 8701 of this title.

### § 6942. Rural Utilities Service

#### (a) Establishment required

The Secretary shall establish and maintain within the Department the Rural Utilities Serv-

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

#### (b) Administrator

##### (1) Appointment

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

##### (2) Compensation

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

#### (c) Functions

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

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

(A) the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.); and

(B) section 1926-1<sup>1</sup> of this title; and

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

(A) sections 1926, 1926a, 1926b,<sup>1</sup> and 1926c of this title, the provisions of sections 1929 and 1929a of this title relating to assets, terms, and conditions of water and sewer programs, section 1932(b) of this title, and section 1013a of this title; and

(B) section 2324 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990<sup>1</sup> (7 U.S.C. 1926 note).

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

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

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

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

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

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

##### CODIFICATION

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

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.