

Ninety-eighth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Began and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the twenty-third day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four*

An Act

To establish the National Archives and Records Administration, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "National Archives and Records Administration Act of 1984".

TITLE I—ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

ESTABLISHMENT

Sec. 101. Section 2102 of title 44, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"§ 2102. Establishment

"There shall be an independent establishment in the executive branch of the Government to be known as the National Archives and Records Administration. The Administration shall be administered under the supervision and direction of the Archivist."

ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL AUTHORITY

Sec. 102. (a) Chapter 21 of title 44, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) by redesignating sections 2103 through 2114 as sections 2107 through 2118, respectively; and
- (2) by inserting after section 2102 the following new sections:

"§ 2103. Officers

"(a) The Archivist of the United States shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Archivist shall be appointed without regard to political affiliations and solely on the basis of the professional qualifications required to perform the duties and responsibilities of the office of Archivist. The Archivist may be removed from office by the President. The President shall communicate the reasons for any such removal to each House of the Congress.

"(b) The Archivist shall be compensated at the rate provided for level III of the Executive Schedule under section 5314 of title 5.

"(c) There shall be in the Administration a Deputy Archivist of the United States, who shall be appointed by and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Archivist. The Deputy Archivist shall be established as a career reserved position in the Senior Executive Service within the meaning of section 3132(a)(8) of title 5. The Deputy Archivist shall perform such functions as the Archivist shall designate. During any absence or disability of the Archivist, the Deputy Archivist shall act as Archivist. In the event of a vacancy in the

