

and sections 193r, 193u, and 193v of former Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, enacting provisions set out as notes under this section, and amending provisions set out as a note under this section] may be cited as the ‘John F. Kennedy Center Act Amendments of 1994.’”

SHORT TITLE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 98-473, title I, §101(c), Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 1837, 1876, provided that: “The following [amending section 76o of this title] may be cited as ‘The John F. Kennedy Center Act Amendments of 1984.’”

SHORT TITLE OF 1963 AMENDMENT

Section 5 of Pub. L. 88-100 provided that: “This Act [amending this section and sections 76l and 76m of this title] may be cited as the ‘National Cultural Center Amendments Act of 1963.’”

SHORT TITLE

Section 1(a), formerly §1, of Pub. L. 85-874, as amended by Pub. L. 88-260, §1(1), Jan. 23, 1964, 78 Stat. 4; redesignated §1(a), Pub. L. 103-279, §2(a)(1), July 21, 1994, 108 Stat. 1409, provided that: “This Act [enacting this subchapter] may be cited as the ‘John F. Kennedy Center Act.’”

EXISTING AUTHORITIES

Pub. L. 110-338, §5, Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3732, provided that: “Nothing in this Act [see Short Title of 2008 Amendment note above] limits or otherwise affects the authority or responsibility of the National Capital Planning Commission or the Commission of Fine Arts.”

TERMS OF OFFICE FOR NEW GENERAL TRUSTEES

Pub. L. 107-117, div. D, title II, §201(b), Jan. 10, 2002, 115 Stat. 2354, provided that: “Section 2(b) of the John F. Kennedy Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76h(b)) shall apply to each general trustee of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts whose position is established by the amendment made by subsection (a)(2) [amending this section] (referred to in this subsection as a ‘new general trustee’), except that the initial term of office of each new general trustee shall—

- “(1) commence on the date on which the new general trustee is appointed by the President; and
- “(2) terminate on September 1, 2007.”

NATIONAL CULTURAL CENTER; DESIGNATION OR REFERENCES

Section 2 of Pub. L. 88-260 provided that: “In addition to the amendments made by the first section of this Act [enacting sections 76n to 76q, and amending sections 76h to 76q of this title], any designation or reference to the National Cultural Center in any other law, map, regulation, document, record, or other paper of the United States shall be held to designate or refer to such Center as the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.”

CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS

Section 1(b) of Pub. L. 85-874, as added by Pub. L. 103-279, §2(a)(2), July 21, 1994, 108 Stat. 1409, provided that: “Congress finds that—

- “(1) the late John Fitzgerald Kennedy served with distinction as President of the United States and as a Member of the Senate and the House of Representatives;
- “(2) by the untimely death of John Fitzgerald Kennedy the United States and the world have suffered a great loss;
- “(3) the late John Fitzgerald Kennedy was particularly devoted to education and cultural understanding and the advancement of the performing arts;
- “(4) it is fitting and proper that a living institution of the performing arts, designated as the National Center for the Performing Arts, named in the memory and honor of this great leader, shall serve as the

sole national monument to his memory within the District of Columbia and its environs;

“(5) such a living memorial serves all of the people of the United States by preserving, fostering, and transmitting the performing arts traditions of the people of the United States and other countries by producing and presenting music, opera, theater, dance, and other performing arts; and

“(6) such a living memorial should be housed in the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, located in the District of Columbia.”

§ 76i. John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

(a) In general

The Board shall construct for the Smithsonian Institution, with funds raised by voluntary contributions, a building to be designated as the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on a site in the District of Columbia bounded by the Inner Loop Freeway on the east, the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge approaches on the south, Rock Creek Parkway on the west, New Hampshire Avenue and F Street on the north, which shall be selected for such purpose by the National Capital Planning Commission. The National Capital Planning Commission shall acquire by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, lands necessary to provide for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and related facilities. Such building shall be in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Commission of Fine Arts.

(b) Parking garage additions and site improvements

(1) In general

Substantially in accordance with the plan entitled “Site Master Plan—Drawing Number 1997-2 April 29, 1997,” and map number NCR 844/82571, the Board may design and construct—

- (A) an addition to the parking garage at each of the north and south ends of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; and
- (B) site improvements and modifications.

(2) Availability

The plan shall be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Secretary of the Center.

(3) Limitation on use of appropriated funds

No appropriated funds may be used to pay the costs (including the repayment of obligations incurred to finance costs) of—

- (A) the design and construction of an addition to the parking garage authorized under paragraph (1)(A);
- (B) the design and construction of site improvements and modifications authorized under paragraph (1)(B) that the Board specifically designates will be financed using sources other than appropriated funds; or
- (C) any project to acquire large screen format equipment for an interpretive theater, or to produce an interpretive film, that the Board specifically designates will be financed using sources other than appropriated funds.

(Pub. L. 85-874, §3, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1699; Pub. L. 88-260, §1(2), Jan. 23, 1964, 78 Stat. 4; Pub. L. 105-95, §2, Nov. 19, 1997, 111 Stat. 2148.)

AMENDMENTS

1997—Pub. L. 105-95 substituted section catchline for former section catchline, designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and inserted heading, and added subsec. (b).

1964—Pub. L. 88-260 substituted “John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts” for “National Cultural Center” wherever appearing.

§ 76j. Duties of Board**(a) Programs, activities, and goals****(1) In general**

The Board shall—

(A) present classical and contemporary music, opera, drama, dance, and other performing arts from the United States and other countries;

(B) promote and maintain the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts as the National Center for the Performing Arts—

(i) by developing and maintaining a leadership role in national performing arts education policy and programs, including developing and presenting original and innovative performing arts and educational programs for children, youth, families, adults, and educators designed specifically to foster an appreciation and understanding of the performing arts;

(ii) by developing and maintaining a comprehensive and broad program for national and community outreach, including establishing model programs for adaptation by other presenting and educational institutions; and

(iii) by conducting joint initiatives with the national education and outreach programs of the Very Special Arts, an entity affiliated with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts which has an established program for the identification, development, and implementation of model programs and projects in the arts for disabled individuals;

(C) strive to ensure that the education and outreach programs and policies of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts meet the highest level of excellence and reflect the cultural diversity of the United States;

(D) provide facilities for other civic activities at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts;

(E) provide within the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts a suitable memorial in honor of the late President;

(F) develop, and update annually, a comprehensive building needs plan for the features of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in existence on July 21, 1994;

(G) with respect to the building and site of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, plan, design, and construct each capital repair, replacement, improvement, rehabilitation, alteration, or modification necessary to maintain the functionality of the building and site at current standards of life, safety, security, and accessibility;

(H) provide—

(i) information and interpretation; and

(ii) with respect to the building and site of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, all necessary maintenance, repair, and alteration of, and all janitorial, security, and other services and equipment necessary for the operations of, the building and site, in a manner consistent with requirements for high quality operations; and

(I) ensure that safe and convenient access to the site of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is provided for pedestrians and vehicles.

(2) Administrative powers and duties**(A) Authority to enter into contracts**

The Board, in accordance with applicable law, may enter into contracts or other arrangements with, and make payments to, public agencies or private organizations or other private persons in order to carry out the functions of the Board under this subchapter. The authority described in the preceding sentence includes utilizing the services and facilities of other agencies, including the Department of the Interior, the General Services Administration, and the Smithsonian Institution.

(B) Preparation of budget

The Board shall prepare a budget pursuant to sections 1104, 1105(a), and 1513(b) of title 31.

(C) Use of agency personnel

The Board may utilize or employ the services of the personnel of any agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government or the District of Columbia, with the consent of the agency or the instrumentality concerned, on a reimbursable basis, and utilize voluntary and uncompensated personnel.

(D) Selection of contractors

In carrying out the duties of the Board under this subchapter, the Board may negotiate any contract—

(i) for planning, design, engineering, or construction of buildings to be erected on the John F. Kennedy Center Plaza under section 76q-1 of this title and for landscaping and other improvements to the Plaza; or

(ii) for an environmental system for, a protection system for, or a repair to, maintenance of, or restoration of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts,

with selected contractors and award the contract on the basis of contractor qualifications as well as price.

(E) Maintenance of halls

The Board shall maintain the Hall of Nations, the Hall of States, and the Grand Foyer of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in a manner that is suitable to a national performing arts center that is operated as a Presidential memorial and in a manner consistent with other national Presidential memorials.