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§ 70301. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, ''State'' includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

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Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
70301	36:2213.	Jan. 8, 1983, Pub. L. 97–427, § 14, 96 Stat. 2267.

The words ''the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico'' are omitted as included in ''the territories and possessions of the United States''.

§ 70302. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Former Members of Congress (in this chapter, the ''corporation''), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in the District of Columbia, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
70302(a)	36:2201.	Jan. 8, 1983, Pub. L. 97–427, §§1, 15 (last sentence), 16, 96 Stat. 2265, 2267.
70302(b)	36:2214 (last sentence). 36:2215.	

Subsection (a) is substituted for the source provision for consistency in the revised title.

In subsection (b), the words ''restrictions or'' are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 70303. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incorporation and include the promotion of the cause of good government at the national level by improving the public understanding of Congress as an institution and strengthening its support by the public. The corporation shall function as an educational, patriotic, civic, historical, and research organization as authorized by the laws of each State in which it is incorporated.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
70303	36:2203.	Jan. 8, 1983, Pub. L. 97–427, § 3, 96 Stat. 2265.

The word ''objects'' is omitted as included in ''purposes''.

§ 70304. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1350.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
70304	36:2205.	Jan. 8, 1983, Pub. L. 97–427, § 5, 96 Stat. 2265.

§ 70305. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1350.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
70305(a)	36:2206.	Jan. 8, 1983, Pub. L. 97–427, §§6, 7, 96 Stat. 2265.
70305(b)	36:2207.	

The words ''and in conformity with the laws of the State or States in which it is incorporated'' in 36:2206 and ''and in conformity with the laws of the State or States wherein it is incorporated'' in 36:2207 are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 70306. Powers

The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1350.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	*Source (U.S. Code)*	*Source (Statutes at Large)*
70306	36:2202.	Jan. 8, 1983, Pub. L. 97–427, § 2, 96 Stat. 2265.

The words ''and subject to the laws of such State of States'' are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 70307. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.