construed to authorize a reduction in any rate of postage in effect and being paid on the date of enactment of this Act [June 30, 1974].''

### § 3627. Adjusting free rates

If Congress fails to appropriate an amount authorized under section 2401(c) of this title for any class of mail sent free of postage under section 3217 or 3403–3406[1] the rate for that class may be adjusted in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter so that the increased revenues received from the users of such class will equal the amount for that class that the Congress was to appropriate.

(Pub. L. 91–375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 763; Pub. L. 95–593, § 11(b), Nov. 4, 1978, 92 Stat. 2538; Pub. L. 99–410, title II, § 201(b)(3), Aug. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 928; Pub. L. 103–31, § 8(h)(3), May 20, 1993, 107 Stat. 86; Pub. L. 103–123, title VII, § 704(a)(3)(B)(i), Oct. 28, 1993, 107 Stat. 1269; Pub. L. 109–435, title X, § 1010(g)(5), Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 3263.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109–435 inserted section catchline and struck out former catchline which read the same.

1993—Pub. L. 103–123 substituted ''free rates'' for ''free and reduced rates'' in section catchline and ''sent free of postage under section 3217 or 3403–3406'' for ''sent at a free or reduced rate under section 3217, 3403–3406, 3626, or 3629 of this title,'' in text.

Pub. L. 103–31 substituted ''3626, or 3629 of this title'' for ''or 3626 of this title,''.

1986—Pub. L. 99–410 substituted ''3406'' for ''3405'' and struck out ''under the Federal Voting Assistance Act of 1955, or under the Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act of 1975'' after ''3626 of this title,''.

1978—Pub. L. 95–593 inserted provisions relating to applicability of Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act of 1975.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENTS

Amendment by Pub. L. 103–123 applicable with respect to rates for mail sent after Sept. 30, 1993, see section 704(c)(1) of Pub. L. 103–123, set out as a note under section 3626 of this title.

Amendment by Pub. L. 103–31 effective (1) with respect to a State that, on May 20, 1993, has a provision in the constitution of the State that would preclude compliance with section 1973gg et seq. of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, unless the State maintained separate Federal and State official lists of eligible voters, on the later of Jan. 1, 1996, or the date that is 120 days after the date by which, under the constitution of the State as in effect on May 20, 1993, it would be legally possible to adopt and place into effect any amendments to the constitution of the State that are necessary to permit compliance with section 1973gg et seq. of Title 42 without requiring a special election, and (2) with respect to a State not described above, on Jan. 1, 1995, see section 13 of Pub. L. 103–31, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1973gg of Title 42.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99–410 applicable with respect to elections taking place after Dec. 31, 1987, see section 204 of Pub. L. 99–410, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1973ff of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

### [§ 3628. Repealed. Pub. L. 109–435, title II, § 201(b), Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 3205]

Section, Pub. L. 91–375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 763; Pub. L. 98–620, title IV, § 402(37), Nov. 8, 1984, 98 Stat. 3360, related to appellate review of a decision of the Board of Governors to approve, allow under protest, reject, or modify a recommended decision of the Postal Rate Commission.

### § 3629. Reduced rates for voter registration purposes

The Postal Service shall make available to a State or local voting registration official the rate for any class of mail that is available to a qualified nonprofit organization under section 3626 for the purpose of making a mailing that the official certifies is required or authorized by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

(Added Pub. L. 103–31, § 8(h)(1), May 20, 1993, 107 Stat. 86.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Voter Registration Act of 1993, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 103–31, May 20, 1993, 107 Stat. 77, as amended, which is classified principally to subchapter I–H (§ 1973gg et seq.) of chapter 20 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1971 of Title 42 and Tables.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective (1) with respect to a State that, on May 20, 1993, has a provision in the constitution of the State that would preclude compliance with section 1973gg et seq. of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, unless the State maintained separate Federal and State official lists of eligible voters, on the later of Jan. 1, 1996, or the date that is 120 days after the date by which, under the constitution of the State as in effect on May 20, 1993, it would be legally possible to adopt and place into effect any amendments to the constitution of the State that are necessary to permit compliance with section 1973gg et seq. of Title 42 without requiring a special election, and (2) with respect to a State not described above, on Jan. 1, 1995, see section 13 of Pub. L. 103–31, set out as a note under section 1973gg of Title 42.

## SUBCHAPTER II—PROVISIONS RELATING TO COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior subchapter II was redesignated subchapter I of this chapter.

### § 3631. Applicability; definitions and updates

(a) APPLICABILITY.—This subchapter shall apply with respect to—

(1) priority mail;
(2) expedited mail;
(3) bulk parcel post;
(4) bulk international mail; and
(5) mailgrams;

subject to subsection (d) and any changes the Postal Regulatory Commission may make under section 3642.

(b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this subchapter, the term ''costs attributable'', as used with respect to a product, means the direct and indirect postal costs attributable to such product through reliably identified causal relationships.

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Mail matter referred to in subsection (a) shall, for purposes of this subchapter, be considered to have the meaning given to such mail matter under the mail classification schedule.

[1] So in original. Probably should be followed by ''of this title,''.