

## AMENDMENTS

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-283, § 115(f)(1), struck out references to sections 608, 610, 611, 613, 614, 615, 616, and 617 of title 18.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 94-283, § 115(f)(2), struck out references to sections 608, 610, 611, and 613 of title 18.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Jan. 1, 1975, see section 410(a) of Pub. L. 93-443, set out as an Effective Date of 1974 Amendment note under section 431 of this title.

**§ 456. Repealed. Pub. L. 94-283, title I, § 111, May 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 486**

Section, Pub. L. 92-225, title IV, § 407, as added Pub. L. 93-443, title III, § 302, Oct. 15, 1974, 88 Stat. 1290, gave Commission additional enforcement authority by providing for disqualification of candidates for Federal office from elections for Federal office for a period of time following a finding by Commission that candidate failed to file a required report.

## SAVINGS PROVISION

Repeal by Pub. L. 94-283 not to release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under this section or penalty, with this section or penalty to be treated as remaining in force for the purpose of sustaining any proper action or prosecution for the enforcement of any penalty, forfeiture, or liability, see section 114 of Pub. L. 94-283, set out as a note under section 441 of this title.

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**§ 471. Congressional findings and declaration of purpose**

The Congress hereby finds and declares that:

- (a) As technology continues to change and expand rapidly, its applications are—
- (1) large and growing in scale; and
- (2) increasingly extensive, pervasive, and critical in their impact, beneficial and adverse, on the natural and social environment.
- (b) Therefore, it is essential that, to the fullest extent possible, the consequences of technological applications be anticipated, understood, and considered in determination of public policy on existing and emerging national problems.
- (c) The Congress further finds that:
- (1) the Federal agencies presently responsible directly to the Congress are not designed