

## Broadcasting Board of Governors

## § 505.14

comply with the requirements of the Act or failure to comply with any rule published by the Board to implement the Act provided it can be shown that:

(i) The action was intentional or willful;

(ii) The Board's action adversely affected the individual; and

(iii) The adverse action was caused by the Board's actions.

(b) *Jurisdiction and time limits.* (1) Action may be brought in the district court for the jurisdiction in which the individual resides or has a place of residence or business, or in which the Board records are situated, or in the District of Columbia.

(2) The statute of limitations is two years from the date upon which the cause of action arises, except for cases in which the Board has materially and willfully misrepresented any information requested to be disclosed and when such misrepresentation is material to the liability of Board. In such cases the statute of limitations is two years from the date of discovery by the individual of the misrepresentation.

(3) A suit may not be brought on the basis of injury which may have occurred as a result of the Board's disclosure of a record prior to September 27, 1975.

(c) *Criminal penalties*—(1) *Unauthorized disclosure.* It is a criminal violation of the provisions of the Act for any officer or employee of the Board knowingly and willfully to disclose a record in any manner to any person or agency not entitled to receive it, for failure to meet the conditions of disclosure enumerated in 5 U.S.C. 552a(b), or without the written consent or at the request of the individual to whom the record pertains. Any officer or employee of the Board found guilty of such misconduct shall be fined not more than \$5,000.

(2) *Failure to publish a public notice.* It is a criminal violation of the Act to willfully maintain a system of records and not to publish the prescribed public notice. Any officer or employee of the Board found guilty of such misconduct shall be fined not more than \$5,000.

(3) *Obtaining records under false pretenses.* The Act makes it a criminal offense to knowingly and willfully request or gain access to a record about

an individual under false pretenses. Any person found guilty of such an offense may be fined not more than \$5,000.

### § 505.13 General exemptions (Subsection (j)).

(a) General exemptions are available for systems of records which are maintained by the Central Intelligence Agency (Subsection (j)(1)), or maintained by an agency which performs as its principal function any activity pertaining to the enforcement of the criminal laws (Subsection (j)(2)).

(b) The Act does not permit general exemption of records compiled primarily for a noncriminal purpose, even though there are some quasi-criminal aspects to the investigation and even though the records are in a system of records to which the general exemption applies.

### § 505.14 Specific exemptions (Subsection (k)).

The specific exemptions focus more on the nature of the records in the systems of records than on the Board. The following categories of records may be exempt from disclosure:

(a) *Subsection (k)(1).* Records which are specifically authorized under criteria established under an Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy, and which are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive Order;

(b) *Subsection (k)(2).* Investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes (other than material within the scope of subsection (j)(2) as discussed in § 505.13(a)). If any individual is denied any right, privilege, or benefit for which she/he would otherwise be eligible, as a result of the maintenance of such material, the material shall be provided to the individual, unless disclosure of the material would reveal the identify of a source who has been pledged confidentiality;

(c) *Subsection (k)(3).* Records maintained in connection with protection of the President and other VIPs accorded special protection by statute;

(d) *Subsection (k)(4).* Records required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;