

(10) calendar days after receipt of referral.

(b) The appropriate Director shall decide the issue within thirty (30) days of the date of referral by the EO Director. The claimant shall be informed in writing of the decision and its basis and that it will be the Final Agency Decision on the issue.

**§ 1225.21 Statutory rights.**

(a) A Volunteer, trainee, or applicant is authorized to file a civil action in an appropriate U.S. District Court:

(1) Within thirty (30) calendar days of his or her receipt of notice of final action taken by the agency.

(2) After one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of filing a complaint with the agency if there has been no final agency action.

(b) For those complaints alleging discrimination that occur outside the United States, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia shall be deemed the appropriate forum.

**PART 1226—PROHIBITIONS ON ELECTORAL AND LOBBYING ACTIVITIES**

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**Subpart A—General Provisions**

**§ 1226.1 Purpose.**

This part implements provisions of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act, 1973, 87 Stat. 394, Pub. L. 93-113, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Act, pertaining to the prohibited use of Federal funds or the involvement of agency programs and volunteers in electoral and lobbying activities. These regulations are designed to define and clarify the nature and scope of prohibited activities to ensure that programs under the Act and volunteer activities are conducted within the statutory bounds established by the Act. The penalties for violation of the regulations are also prescribed. The statutory source of the prohibitions upon electoral and lobbying activities is section 403 (a) and (b) of the Act. Rules applying to the Hatch Act (Title III of chapter 73, title 5, United States Code) to full time and certain part time volunteers, as required by section 415(b) of the Act, are also set forth herein.

**§ 1226.2 Scope.**

This part applies, except where otherwise noted, to all full time and part time volunteers serving in a program authorized by the Act, including VISTA, Service Learning and the Older American Volunteer Programs. It also applies to employees of sponsoring organizations, whose salaries, or other compensation, are paid, in whole or in part, with agency funds.

**§ 1226.3 Definitions.**

(a) The *Act* means the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended, Pub. L. 93-113 (42 U.S.C. 4951 *et seq.*).

(b) *Assistance* means funds, volunteers or volunteer training, which is paid for from funds appropriated for the purpose of supporting activities under the Act, and includes locally provided funds required by law, regulation or policy as a local contribution to activities authorized by the Act.

(c) *Full time* when used in the context of volunteer service, means service of not less than 35 hours per week.

(d) *Part time* when used in the context of volunteer service, means service that is less than full time.