

## § 1601.1

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### § 1601.1 Purpose.

The regulations set forth in this part contain the procedures established by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for carrying out its responsibilities in the administration and enforcement of title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Section 107 of the Americans with Disabilities Act incorporates the powers, remedies and procedures set forth in sections 705, 706, 707, 709 and 710 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Based on its experience in the enforcement of title VII and the Americans with Disabilities Act and upon its evaluation of suggestions and petitions for amendments submitted by interested persons in accordance with §1601.31, the Commission may from time to time amend and revise these procedures.

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### Subpart A—Definitions

#### § 1601.2 Terms defined in title VII of the Civil Rights Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The terms *person*, *employer*, *employment agency*, *labor organization*, *employee*, *commerce*, *industry affecting commerce*, *State* and *religion* as used in this part shall have the meanings set forth in section 701 of title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The term “disability” shall have the meaning set forth in section 3 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

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#### § 1601.3 Other definitions.

(a) For the purposes of this part, the term *title VII* shall mean title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the term *ADA* shall mean the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; the term *Commission* shall mean the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or any of its designated representatives; *Washington Field Office* shall mean the Commission’s primary non-Headquarters office serving the District of Columbia

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and surrounding Maryland and Virginia suburban counties and jurisdictions; the term *FEP agency* shall mean a State or local agency which the Commission has determined satisfies the criteria stated in section 706(c) of title VII; and the term *verified* shall mean sworn to or affirmed before a notary public, designated representative of the Commission, or other person duly authorized by law to administer oaths and take acknowledgements, or supported by an unsworn declaration in writing under penalty of perjury.

(b) The delegations of authority in subpart B of this part are applicable to charges filed pursuant to either section 706 or section 707 of title VII.

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#### § 1601.4 Vice Chairman’s functions.

The member of the Commission designated by the President to serve as Vice Chairman shall act as Chairman in the absence or disability of the Chairman or in the event of a vacancy in that office.

#### § 1601.5 District; area; supervisor authority.

The term “district” as used herein shall mean that part of the United States or any territory thereof fixed by the Commission as a particular district. The term “district director” shall refer to that person designated as the Commission’s chief officer in each district. The term “Washington Field Office Director” shall refer to that person designated as the Commission’s chief officer in the Washington Field Office. Any authority of, or delegation of authority to, District Directors shall be deemed to include the Director of the Washington Field Office. The term “field” shall mean that part of the United States within a district fixed by the Commission as a particular subunit of a district, except for the Washington Field Office which is not part of any district fixed by the Commission. The term “field director” shall refer to that person designated as the Commission’s chief officer in each field. The term “area” shall mean that part of the United States within a district fixed by the Commission as a particular subunit of a district. The term “area director”