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sponsibilities under this Act, the Administrator shall not submit his decisions for the approval of, nor be bound by the decisions or recommendations of, any committee, board, or other organization created by Executive order.

Qualifications of Administrator

(b) The Administrator shall be a citizen of the United States, and shall be appointed with due regard for his fitness for the efficient discharge of the powers and duties vested in and imposed upon him by this Act. At the time of his nomination he shall be a civilian and shall have had experience in a field directly related to aviation. The Administrator shall have no pecuniary interest in or own any stock in or bonds of any aeronautical enterprise nor shall he engage in any other business, vocation, or employment.

Principal Office and Seal

(c) The principal office of the Agency shall be in or near the District of Columbia, but it may act and exercise all its powers at any other place. The Agency shall have an official seal which shall be judicially noticed.

ORGANIZATION OF AGENCY

Deputy Administrator

SEC. 302. [72 Stat. 744, as amended by 75 Stat. 785, 76 Stat. 864, 49 U.S.C. 1342, 1343] (a) There shall be a Deputy Administrator of the Agency who shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Deputy Administrator shall receive compensation at the rate of \$20,500 per annum, and shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as the Administrator shall prescribe. The Deputy Administrator shall act for, and exercise the powers of, the Administrator during his absence or disability.

QUALIFICATIONS AND STATUS OF DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

(b) The Deputy Administrator shall be a citizen of the United States, and shall be appointed with due regard for his fitness for the efficient discharge of the powers and duties vested in and imposed upon him by this Act. At the time of his nomination he shall have had experience in a field directly related to aviation. He shall have no pecuniary interest in nor own any stocks in or bonds of any aeronautical enterprise, nor shall he engage in any other business, vocation, or employment. Nothing in this Act or other law shall preclude appointment to the position of Deputy Administrator of an officer on active duty with the armed services; except that if the Administrator is a former regular officer of any one of the armed services, the Deputy Administrator shall not be an officer on active duty with one of the armed services or a retired regular officer or a former regular officer of one of the armed services. Any officer on active duty or any retired officer, while serving as Deputy Administrator, shall continue to hold rank and grade not lower than that in which serving at the time of his appointment as Deputy Administrator, and shall be entitled to receive (1) the compensation provided for the Deputy Administrator by subsection (a) of this section, or (2) the military pay and allow-