

Public Law 96-441
96th Congress

An Act

Oct. 13, 1980
[H.R. 8103]

To rename the National Collection of Fine Arts and the Museum of History and Technology of the Smithsonian Institution as the National Museum of American Art and the National Museum of American History, respectively.

National
Collection of
Fine Arts and
Museum of
History and
Technology.
Name changes.
20 USC 71 note.
20 USC 59 note.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the bureau of the Smithsonian Institution designated as the National Collection of Fine Arts by section 6(c) of the joint resolution entitled "Joint Resolution providing for the construction and maintenance of a National Gallery of Art", approved March 24, 1937 (20 U.S.C. 71 note), shall be known as the "National Museum of American Art".

20 USC 71 note.

SEC. 2. The bureau of the Smithsonian Institution known as the Museum of History and Technology and so referred to in the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of a building for a Museum of History and Technology for the Smithsonian Institution, including the preparation of plans and specifications, and all other work incidental thereto", approved June 28, 1955 (20 U.S.C. 59 note), shall be known as the "National Museum of American History".

Effective date.
20 USC 71 note.

SEC. 3. Any reference in any law, regulation, document, or paper to the National Collection of Fine Arts or the Museum of History and Technology shall on and after the effective date of this Act be considered to be a reference to the National Museum of American Art and the National Museum of American History, respectively.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect on the day after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Approved October 13, 1980.

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