

1 from the officers of the regular components of the armed  
2 forces. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman may not be  
3 members of the same armed force. However, the Secretary of  
4 Defense may waive the limitation in the preceding sentence  
5 for a limited period of time.

6       “(2) The Deputy Chairman serves at the pleasure of the  
7 President for a term of four years and may be reappointed in  
8 the same manner for one additional term. However, in time  
9 of war declared by Congress there is no limit on the number  
10 of reappointments.

11       “(b)(1) The Deputy Chairman exercises such duties as  
12 may be delegated by the Chairman with the approval of the  
13 Secretary of Defense.

14       “(2) When there is a vacancy in the office of Chairman,  
15 or in the absence or disability of the Chairman, the Deputy  
16 Chairman, unless otherwise directed by the President or Sec-  
17 retary of Defense, acts as Chairman and performs the duties  
18 of the Chairman until a successor is appointed or the absence  
19 or disability ceases.

20       “(c) The Deputy Chairman is the director of the Joint  
21 Staff.

22       “(d) The Deputy Chairman may attend all meetings of  
23 the Joint Chiefs of Staff but may not vote on a matter before  
24 the Joint Chiefs of Staff except when acting as Chairman.