

1 “(b) The Joint Staff shall perform such duties as the
2 Chairman prescribes.”.

3 (2) Subsection (d) of such section is redesignated as sub-
4 section (c) and is amended by striking out “Joint Chiefs of
5 Staff in discharging their” and inserting in lieu thereof
6 “Chairman in discharging his”.

7 (d) **TENURE OF MEMBERS OF JOINT STAFF.**—Subsec-
8 tion (e) of such section is redesignated as subsection (d) and is
9 amended by inserting after the first sentence the following
10 new sentence: “However, such a tour of duty may be ex-
11 tended with the approval of the Secretary of Defense.”.

12 (e) **OPERATION OF JOINT STAFF.**—Such section is fur-
13 ther amended by adding at the end thereof the following new
14 subsection (e):

15 “(e) The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the
16 Joint Staff is independently organized and operated so that
17 the Joint Staff, and the members of the Joint Staff, support
18 the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in meeting the con-
19 gressional purpose set forth in the last clause of section 2 of
20 the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 401) to pro-
21 vide for the unified strategic direction of the combatant
22 forces, for their operation under unified command, and for
23 their integration into an efficient team of land, naval, and air
24 forces.”.