

1 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sub-  
2 section:

3       “(e)(1) An officer may not be selected for promotion to  
4 the grade of brigadier general or, in the case of the Navy,  
5 rear admiral (lower half) unless the officer has served in a  
6 joint assignment.

7       “(2) The Secretary of Defense may waive paragraph (1)  
8 when necessary for the good of the service. In such a case,  
9 the Secretary shall provide that the first duty assignment as  
10 a general or flag officer of an officer for whom the waiver is  
11 granted shall be in a joint assignment.”.

12       (c) LENGTH OF JOINT DUTY ASSIGNMENTS.—

13             (1) GENERAL RULE.—The length of a joint duty  
14 assignment—

15                 (A) for general and flag officers shall be not  
16 less than three years; and

17                 (B) for other officers shall be not less than  
18 three and one half years.

19             (2) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of De-  
20 fense may waive paragraph (1) in any case, but the  
21 Secretary shall ensure that the average length of joint  
22 tour assignments meets the standards prescribed in  
23 that paragraph.

24       (d) ADVICE OF CHAIRMAN OF JCS.—The Chairman of  
25 the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall advise the Secretaries of the