

1 President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,
2 from the officers of the regular components of the armed
3 forces. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman may not be
4 members of the same armed force.

5 “(2) The Deputy Chairman serves at the pleasure of the
6 President for a term of up to two years and may be reap-
7 pointed in the same manner for one additional term, except
8 that in time of war declared by Congress there is no limit on
9 the number of reappointments.

10 “(b) The Deputy Chairman acts as Chairman in the ab-
11 sence or disability of the Chairman and exercises such duties
12 as may be delegated by the Chairman with the approval of
13 the Secretary of Defense. When there is a vacancy in the
14 office of Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, unless otherwise
15 directed by the President or Secretary of Defense, shall per-
16 form the duties of the Chairman until a successor is appoint-
17 ed.

18 “(c) The Deputy Chairman may attend all meetings of
19 the Joint Chiefs of Staff but may not vote on a matter before
20 the Joint Chiefs of Staff except when acting as Chairman in
21 the absence or disability of the Chairman or when there is a
22 vacancy in the office of Chairman.

23 “(d) The Deputy Chairman, while so serving, holds the
24 rank of general or, in the case of an officer of the Navy,
25 admiral. The Deputy Chairman may not exercise military