

1 from the officers of the regular components of the armed  
2 forces.

3       “(2) The Chairman and Deputy Chairman may not be  
4 members of the same armed force. However, the Secretary of  
5 Defense may waive the limitation in the preceding sentence  
6 for a limited period of time.

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

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

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

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

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