

[§ 3015. Chief of National Guard Bureau: appointment; acting chief]

(NOTE: Section 3015 is relocated to chapter 305 as section 3041.)

§ 3015. Under Secretary of the Army: appointment; powers and duties

(a) *There is an Under Secretary of the Army appointed from civilian life by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.*

(b) *The Under Secretary shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as the Secretary of the Army may prescribe.*

[§ 3016. Administrative Assistant

[(a) There is an Administrative Assistant in the Department of the Army. The Administrative Assistant shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Army and shall perform duties that the Secretary considers appropriate.

[(b) During a vacancy in the office of Secretary, the Administrative Assistant has charge and custody of all records, books, and papers of the Department of the Army.

[(c) The Secretary may authorize the Administrative Assistant to sign, during the temporary absence of the Secretary, any paper requiring his signature. In such a case, the Administrative Assistant's signature has the same effect as the Secretary's signature.]

§ 3016. Assistant Secretaries of the Army: appointment; powers and duties

(a) *There are five Assistant Secretaries of the Army in the Department of the Army. They shall be appointed from civilian life by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.*

(b)(1) *The Assistant Secretaries shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as the Secretary of the Army may prescribe.*

(2) *One of the Assistant Secretaries shall be the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. He shall have as his principal duty the overall supervision of manpower and reserve component affairs of the Department of the Army.*

(3) *One of the Assistant Secretaries shall be the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works. He shall have as his principal duty the overall supervision of the functions of the Department of the Army relating to programs for conservation and development of the national water resources including flood control, navigation, shore protection, and related purposes.*

§ 3017. Secretary of the Army: successors to duties

[(a)] If the Secretary of the Army dies, resigns, is removed from office, is absent, or is disabled, the person who is highest on the following list, and who is not absent or disabled, shall perform the duties of the Secretary until the President, under section 3347 of title 5, directs another person to perform those duties or until the absence or disability ceases:

(1) The Under Secretary of the Army.

(2) The Assistant Secretaries of the Army in order of their length of service as such.