

legislation as may be necessary to achieve the changes in function assignments recommended by the Chairman.

§ 153. Vice Chairman

(a)(1) There is a Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Vice Chairman shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from the officers of the regular components of the armed forces.

(2) The Chairman and Vice Chairman may not be members of the same armed force. However, the Secretary of Defense may waive the restriction in the preceding sentence for a limited period of time in order to effect the orderly transition of officers appointed to serve in the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

(3) The Vice Chairman serves at the pleasure of the President for a term of two years and may be reappointed in the same manner for two additional terms. However, in time of war declared by Congress there is no limit on the number of reappointments.

(b)(1) The Vice Chairman exercises such duties as may be delegated by the Chairman with the approval of the Secretary of Defense.

(2) When there is a vacancy in the office of Chairman or in the absence or disability of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, unless otherwise directed by the President or the Secretary of Defense, acts as Chairman and performs the duties of the Chairman until a successor is appointed or the absence or disability ceases.

(c) The Vice Chairman may attend all meetings of the Joint Chiefs of Staff but may not vote on a matter before the Joint Chiefs of Staff except when acting as Chairman.

(d) The Vice Chairman, while so serving, holds the grade of general or, in the case of an officer of the Navy, admiral and outranks all other officers of the armed forces except the Chairman. The Vice Chairman may not exercise military command over the Joint Chiefs of Staff or any of the armed forces.

§ [143] 154. Joint Staff

(a) [(1) There is under the Joint Chiefs of Staff a Joint Staff consisting of not more than 400 officers selected by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Joint Staff shall be selected in approximately equal numbers from—

[(A) the Army;

[(B) the Navy and the Marine Corps; and

[(C) the Air Force.]

(1) There is in the Department of Defense a Joint Staff under the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Chairman, the Joint Staff shall assist the Chairman and the other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in carrying out their responsibilities.

(2) The Joint Staff shall include officers selected by the Chairman in approximately equal numbers from—

(A) the Army;

(B) the Navy and the Marine Corps; and

(C) the Air Force.

[(2)] (3) Selection of officers of an armed force to serve on the Joint Staff shall be made by the Chairman from a list of officers submitted by the armed force. Each officer whose name is submit-