

ance of that officer as a member of the Joint Staff and in other joint duty assignments. The Secretary of Defense shall submit the Chairman's evaluation to the President at the same time the recommendation for the appointment is submitted to the President.

"(2) Whenever a vacancy occurs in a position within the Department of Defense that the President has designated as a position of importance and responsibility to carry the grade of general or admiral or lieutenant general or vice admiral or in an office that is designated by law to carry such a grade, the Secretary of Defense shall inform the President of the qualifications needed by an officer serving in that position or office to carry out effectively the duties and responsibilities of that position or office."

SEC. 404. JOINT DUTY ASSIGNMENT AS PREREQUISITE FOR PROMOTION TO GENERAL OR FLAG OFFICER GRADE

10 USC 619.

Section 619 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(e)(1) An officer may not be selected for promotion to the grade of brigadier general or rear admiral (lower half) unless the officer has served in a joint duty assignment.

"(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the Secretary of Defense may waive paragraph (1)—

"(A) when necessary for the good of the service;

"(B) in the case of an officer whose proposed selection for promotion is based primarily upon scientific and technical qualifications for which joint requirements do not exist;

"(C) in the case of a medical officer, dental officer, veterinary officer, medical service officer, nurse, biomedical science officer, chaplain, or judge advocate; and

"(D) until January 1, 1992, in the case of an officer who served before the date of the enactment of this subsection in an assignment (other than a joint duty assignment) that involved significant experience in joint matters (as determined by the Secretary).

"(3)(A) A waiver may be granted under paragraph (2) only on a case-by-case basis in the case of an individual officer.

"(B) In the case of a waiver under paragraph (2)(A), the Secretary shall provide that the first duty assignment as a general or flag officer of an officer for whom the waiver is granted shall be in a joint duty assignment.

"(C) The authority of the Secretary of Defense to grant a waiver under paragraph (2)(B), (2)(C), or (2)(D) may only be delegated to the Deputy Secretary of Defense, an Under Secretary of Defense, or an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Regulations.

"(4) The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations to carry out this subsection. Such regulations shall specifically identify those categories of officers for which selection for promotion to brigadier general or, in the case of the Navy, rear admiral (lower half) is based primarily upon scientific and technical qualifications for which joint requirements do not exist."

10 USC 113 note.

SEC. 405. ANNUAL REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION

The Secretary of Defense shall include in the annual report of the Secretary to Congress under section 113(c) of title 10, United States Code (as redesignated by section 101(a)), for each year from 1987 through 1991 a detailed report on the implementation of this title and the amendments made by this title.