

“(5) The limitations in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) do not apply before October 1, 1988. Effective date.

“§ 5015. Under Secretary of the Navy

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“(a) There is an Under Secretary of the Navy, 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 Navy may prescribe.

“§ 5016. Assistant Secretaries of the Navy

“(a) There are four Assistant Secretaries of the Navy. 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 Navy may prescribe.

“(2) One of the Assistant Secretaries shall be the Assistant Secretary of the Navy 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 Navy.

“§ 5017. Secretary of the Navy: successors to duties

“If the Secretary of the Navy 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 Navy.

“(2) The Assistant Secretaries of the Navy, in the order prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy and approved by the Secretary of Defense.

“(3) The Chief of Naval Operations.

“(4) The Commandant of the Marine Corps.

“§ 5018. Administrative Assistant

“The Secretary of the Navy may appoint an Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Secretary of the Navy. The Administrative Assistant shall perform such duties as the Secretary may prescribe.

“§ 5019. General Counsel

“(a) There is a General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, appointed from civilian life by the President.

“(b) The General Counsel shall perform such functions as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe.”

(5) Section 5088 is transferred to the end of such chapter (as amended by paragraph (4)), redesignated as section 5020, and amended—

(A) by striking out “Office of the Chief of Naval Operations” in subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof “Office of the Secretary of the Navy”;

(B) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (d) and striking out “the Chief of Naval Operations” in such subsection and inserting in lieu thereof “the Secretary of the Navy”; and