

(3) (A) The following new section shall be added at the end:

“§ 11-705. Assignment of judges; divisions; hearings

“(a) Judges of the court shall sit on the court and its divisions in such order and at such times as the court directs.

“(b) (1) Cases and controversies shall be heard and determined by divisions of the court unless a hearing or rehearing before the court in banc is ordered. Each division of the court shall consist of three judges.

“(2) A hearing before the court in banc may be ordered by a majority of the judges of the court in regular active service. The court in banc for a hearing shall consist of the judges of the court in regular active service.

“(3) A rehearing before the court in banc may be ordered by a majority of the judges of the court in regular active service. The court in banc for a rehearing shall consist of the judges of the court in regular active service, except that a retired judge may sit as a judge of the court in banc in the rehearing of a case or controversy if he sat on the court or a division of the court at the original hearing thereof.”

(B) The table of sections is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“11-705. Assignment of judges; divisions; hearings.”

SEC. 2. (a) The first sentence of section 17-301(b) of the District of Columbia Code is amended by striking out “the chief judge and the associate judges” and inserting in lieu thereof “three judges”.

77 Stat. 613.

(b) The fourth sentence of such section is amended by striking out “all the judges are of the opinion that an” and inserting in lieu thereof “the three judges are of the opinion that the”.

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AN ACT

To establish a Judge Advocate General's Corps in the Navy, and for other purposes.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That chapter 47 of title 10, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) Section 801(11) is amended to read as follows:

“(11) ‘Law specialist’ means a commissioned officer of the Coast Guard designated for special duty (law).”

(2) The following new clause is added at the end of section 801:

“(13) ‘Judge advocate’ means an officer of the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the Army or the Navy or an officer of the Air Force or the Marine Corps who is designated as a judge advocate.”

(3) Section 806(a) is amended by deleting the first sentence and inserting the following sentences in place thereof:

“The assignment for duty of judge advocates of the Army, Navy, and Air Force and law specialists of the Coast Guard shall be made upon the recommendation of the Judge Advocate General of the armed force of which they are members. The assignment for duty of judge advocates of the Marine Corps shall be made by direction of the Commandant of the Marine Corps.”

(4) Section 815(e) is amended by striking out the words “Army or Air Force, a law specialist of the Navy” in the last sentence and substituting in place thereof the words “Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps”.

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(5) Section 827(b)(1) is amended by striking out the words "or the Air Force, or a law specialist of the Navy or" and inserting in place thereof the words ", Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps or a law specialist of the".

(6) Section 865(c) is amended by striking out the words "or the Air Force, a law specialist of the Navy" and inserting in place thereof the words ", Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps".

(7) Section 936(a)(1) is amended by deleting the words "and the Air Force" and inserting in place thereof the words ", Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps".

SEC. 2. Chapter 513 of title 10, United States Code, is amended as follows:

70A Stat. 289.

(1) Section 5148 is amended—

(A) by amending the catchline to read:

"§ 5148. Judge Advocate General's Corps: Office of the Judge Advocate General; Judge Advocate General; appointment, term, emoluments, duties";

(B) by redesignating subsections (a), (b), and (c) as subsections (b), (c), and (d), respectively, and inserting the following new subsection:

"(a) The Judge Advocate General's Corps is a Staff Corps of the Navy, and shall be organized in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy."; and

(C) by striking out, in subsection (b) as redesignated, in the third sentence, the word "officers" and inserting in place thereof the words "judge advocates".

(2) Section 5149 is amended to read as follows:

"§ 5149. Office of the Judge Advocate General: Deputy Judge Advocate General; Assistant Judge Advocates General

"(a) A judge advocate of the Navy or Marine Corps who has the qualifications prescribed for the Judge Advocate General in section 5148(b) of this title shall be detailed as Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Navy. While so serving he is entitled to the rank and grade of rear admiral (upper half) or major general, as appropriate, unless entitled to a higher rank or grade under another provision of law. The Deputy Judge Advocate General is entitled to the same privileges of retirement as provided for chiefs of bureaus in section 5133 of this title.

"(b) An officer of the Judge Advocate General's Corps who has the qualifications prescribed for the Judge Advocate General in section 5148(b) of this title may be detailed as Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy. While so serving he is entitled to the rank and grade of rear admiral (lower half), unless entitled to a higher rank or grade under another provision of law. An officer who is retired while serving as Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy under this subsection or who, after serving at least twelve months as Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy, is retired after completion of that service while serving in a lower rank or grade, may, in the discretion of the President, be retired with the rank and grade of rear admiral (lower half). If he is retired as a rear admiral, he is entitled to retired pay in the lower half of that grade, unless entitled to higher pay under another provision of law.

"(c) A judge advocate of the Marine Corps who has the qualifications prescribed for the Judge Advocate General in section 4158(b) of this title may be detailed as Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy. While so serving he is entitled to the rank and grade of brigadier general, unless entitled to a higher rank or grade under another pro-

70A Stat. 290;
80 Stat. 1120.

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vision of law. An officer who is retired while serving as Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy under this subsection or who, after serving at least twelve months as Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy, is retired after completion of that service while serving in a lower rank or grade, may, in the discretion of the President, be retired with the rank and grade of brigadier general. If he is retired as a brigadier general, he is entitled to the retired pay of that grade, unless entitled to higher pay under another provision of law.

“(d) When there is a vacancy in the Office of the Judge Advocate General, or during the absence or disability of the Judge Advocate General, the Deputy Judge Advocate General shall perform the duties of the Judge Advocate General until a successor is appointed or the absence or disability ceases.

“(e) When subsection (d) cannot be complied with because of the absence or disability of the Deputy Judge Advocate General, the Assistant Judge Advocates General, in the order directed by the Secretary of the Navy, shall perform the duties of the Judge Advocate General.”

(3) The analysis is amended by amending the items relating to sections 5148 and 5149 to read as follows:

“5148. Judge Advocate General’s Corps: Office of the Judge Advocate General; Judge Advocate General; appointment, term, emoluments, duties.

“5149. Office of the Judge Advocate General: Deputy Judge Advocate General; Assistant Judge Advocates General.”

SEC. 3. Section 5404 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding the following new subsection at the end thereof:

70A Stat. 297.

“(c) The Secretary of the Navy, as of January 1 of each year, shall establish the authorized strength of the active list of the Navy in officers in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps.”

SEC. 4. Section 5508(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting the following new clause after clause (5): “(6) Officers in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps,”; and

(2) by renumbering clauses (6), (7), and (8) as clauses “(7)”, “(8)”, and “(9)”, respectively.

SEC. 5. Chapter 539 of title 10, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) The following new section is added after section 5578:

70A Stat. 322.

“§ 5578a. Regular Navy; Judge Advocate General’s Corps

“(a) Original appointments to the active list of the Navy in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps may be made from persons who—

“(1) are at least twenty-one and under thirty-five years of age;

“(2) are graduates of an accredited law school or are members of the bar of a Federal court or the highest court of a State; and

“(3) have physical, mental, and moral qualifications satisfactory to the Secretary of the Navy.

For the purposes of determining lineal position, permanent grade, seniority in permanent grade, and eligibility for promotion, an officer appointed in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps shall be credited with the amount of service prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, but not less than three years.

“(b) Under such regulations as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe, appointments to the active list of the Navy in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps may be made from officers of the Navy, including the Naval Reserve, in the line or in another staff corps. Notwithstanding any other law, an officer appointed under this subsection shall have a running mate assigned to him under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy.”

(2) Section 5587(c) is amended by striking out “law,”.

(3) The following new section is added after section 5587:

“§ 5587a. Regular Marine Corps: judge advocates

“(a) With the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, any officer on the active list of the Marine Corps who is qualified under section 827(b) of this title may, upon his application, be designated as a judge advocate.

“(b) For the purposes of determining lineal position, permanent grade, seniority in permanent grade, and eligibility for promotion, a person appointed to the active list of the Marine Corps with a view to designation as a judge advocate may be credited with the amount of service prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, but not more than three years.”

72 Stat. 1495.

(4) Section 5600(b) is amended—

(A) by adding at the end of clause (1) the words “(D) Judge Advocate General’s Corps—3 years;”;

(B) by striking out clause (2); and

(C) by renumbering clause (3) as clause (2).

(5) The following new items are inserted in the analysis:

“5578a. Regular Navy: Judge Advocate General’s Corps.”

“5587a. Regular Marine Corps: judge advocates.”

70A Stat. 351;
71 Stat. 383.

SEC. 6. Section 5762 of title 10, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) Section 5762(d) is amended by inserting the words “Judge Advocate General’s Corps,” after the words “Medical Corps,”.

(2) The following new subsection is added at the end:

“(f) The Secretary shall furnish the appropriate selection board convened under chapter 543 of this title with the number of officers that may be recommended for promotion to the grade of captain or commander in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps. This number, determined by the Secretary as of the date the selection board is convened—

“(1) may not exceed the total number of officers of the Judge Advocate General’s Corps in the promotion zone for the grade concerned; and

“(2) may not be less than the product of the number of officers of the Judge Advocate General’s Corps in the promotion zone and a fraction, of which the numerator is the number of male line officers, not restricted in the performance of duty, placed upon the promotion list pursuant to the report of the comparable board for the selection of line officers convened in the same fiscal year, and the denominator is the number of male line officers, not restricted in the performance of duty, in the promotion zone considered by that board.”

76 Stat. 454.

SEC. 7. Section 202 of title 37, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (g) is amended by inserting the words “or as Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Navy,” after the word “Navy”.

(2) Subsection (h) is amended—

(A) by striking out “or” at the end of clause (6);

(B) by redesignating clause (7) as clause (8); and

(C) by adding immediately after clause (6) a new clause as follows:

“(7) Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Navy; or”.

(3) Subsection (i) is amended by striking out clause (3) thereof and by renumbering clauses (4) and (5) as clauses (3) and (4), respectively.

(4) The following new subsection is added at the end:

“(k) Unless appointed to a higher grade under another provision

of law, an officer of the Navy or Marine Corps serving as Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy is entitled to the basic pay of a rear admiral (lower half) or brigadier general, as appropriate."

SEC. 8. (a) In this section "law specialist" means a line officer on the active or retired list of the Regular Navy or of the Naval Reserve designated for special duty (law) or a line officer of the Naval Reserve assigned a numerical designator indicating a special duty officer (law).

"Law specialist."

(b) All law specialists in the Navy are redesignated as judge advocates in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the Navy. Each law specialist of the Navy who is on a promotion list on the day before the effective date of this Act shall be placed on the appropriate promotion list for the Judge Advocate General's Corps and shall be eligible for promotion when the officer who is to be his running mate in the next higher grade becomes eligible for promotion in that grade.

Redesignation in the Judge Advocate General's Corps, Navy.

SEC. 9. Nothing in this Act shall operate to terminate or reduce the term of an officer who was serving as Deputy and Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy on the day before the effective date of this Act or to deprive him of the rank, pay, allowances, or retirement privileges to which he was then entitled. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an officer who was so serving on the day before the effective date of this Act shall be deemed to be detailed as Deputy Judge Advocate General, pursuant to section 5149 of title 10, United States Code, as amended by this Act, and, in addition to rights and benefits then accrued, to be entitled to the rank and retirement benefits authorized by that section. For the purposes of determining his eligibility for the retirement benefits authorized by section 5149 of title 10, United States Code, as amended by this Act, an officer who is serving as Deputy Judge Advocate General on the effective date of this Act shall be credited with all service performed under appointment or detail as Deputy and Assistant Judge Advocate General before the effective date of this Act.

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SEC. 10. This Act does not affect rights accrued, duties matured, or proceedings commenced before its effective date. Redesignation of an officer under section 8(b) of this Act shall not operate to change the computation of his service for any purpose.

SEC. 11. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all provisions of law applicable to a male officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the Navy, including the Naval Reserve, are applicable to a woman officer in that corps.

Applicability for women naval officers.

SEC. 12. Title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting the words "the Judge Advocate General's Corps," after the words "the Medical Corps" in section 5652a and by inserting the words "the Judge Advocate General's Corps," after the words "the Medical Corps," in sections 5581, 5702(b), 5708(c) (1), 5753(b), 5896(a) (3) and (4), 5897(c) (1), and 6378(b) (7).

72 Stat. 1495.

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