

ficer by a special selection board under this section.

(2) If a court finds that the action of a special selection board which considers an officer or former officer was contrary to law or involved material error of fact or material administrative error, it shall remand the case to the Secretary, who shall provide the officer or former officer reconsideration by a new special selection board.

(j) DESIGNATION OF BOARDS.—The Secretary of the Air Force may designate a promotion board convened under section 20201(a) of this title as a special selection board convened under this section.

(Added Pub. L. 118–31, div. A, title XVII, §1716(c), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 650, §20251; renumbered §20252 and amended Pub. L. 118–159, div. A, title V, §521(v), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 1883.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2024—Pub. L. 118–159, §521(v)(2), renumbered the second section 20251 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 118–159, §521(v)(1)(A)(i), substituted “(1)” for “(1)” and “such” for “sch”.

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 118–159, §521(v)(1)(A)(ii), substituted “an officer” for “a officer”.

Subsec. (f)(2). Pub. L. 118–159, §521(v)(1)(B), substituted “which an officer” for “which of officer”.

#### § 20252a. Special selection review boards: reference

Section 628a of this title, relating to the convening of a special selection review board when credible information of an adverse nature was not furnished to a promotion board, applies with respect to persons recommended by a selection board for promotion to a grade at or below the grade of major general in the Space Force.

(Added Pub. L. 118–31, div. A, title XVII, §1716(c), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 653.)

#### § 20253. Retirement: retirement for years of service

Sections 633 through 636 of this title shall apply to the retirement of officers on the Space Force officer list in the same manner as to officers of the Regular Air Force.

(Added Pub. L. 118–31, div. A, title XVII, §1716(c), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 653.)

#### SUBCHAPTER V—CONTINUATION ON ACTIVE DUTY AND SELECTIVE EARLY RETIREMENT; OTHER PROVISIONS

Sec.	
20261.	Selection of officers for continuation on the Space Force officer list.
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#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 118–31, div. A, title XVII, §1716(c), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 634, 653, which directed amendment of chapter “205” of this title by adding this subchapter at

the end, was executed by adding this subchapter at the end of this chapter, which is chapter 2005, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

##### AMENDMENTS

2023—Pub. L. 118–31, div. A, title XVII, §1716(c), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 634, 653, added items 20261 to 20264. Amendment was made pursuant to operation of section 102 of this title.

#### § 20261. Selection of officers for continuation on the Space Force officer list

Section 14701 of this title shall apply in continuation or retention on the Space Force officer in the same manner as to continuation on the reserve active-status list.

(Added Pub. L. 118–31, div. A, title XVII, §1716(c), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 653.)

#### § 20262. Retirement: selective early retirement

Sections 638 and 638a of this title shall apply to the retirement of officers on the Space Force officer list in the same manner as to officers of the Regular Air Force.

(Added Pub. L. 118–31, div. A, title XVII, §1716(c), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 653.)

#### § 20263. Entitlement of officers discharged or retired under this chapter to separation pay or retired pay

(a) SEPARATION PAY.—An officer who is discharged under this chapter is entitled, if eligible therefor, to separation pay under section 1174 of this title.

(b) RETIRED PAY.—An officer who is retired under this chapter is entitled to retired pay computed under chapter 71 or 1223 of this title, as applicable.

(Added Pub. L. 118–31, div. A, title XVII, §1716(c), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 653.)

#### § 20264. Other administrative authorities

The following provisions of this title shall apply to officers on the Space Force officer list in the same manner as to officers subject to those provisions:

(1) Section 14518, relating to continuation of officers to complete disciplinary action.

(2) Section 14519, relating to deferment of retirement or separation for medical reasons.

(3) Section 14704, relating to the selective early removal from the reserve active-status list.

(Added Pub. L. 118–31, div. A, title XVII, §1716(c), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 653.)

#### CHAPTER 2007—ENLISTED MEMBERS

Sec.	
20301.	Original enlistments: qualifications; grade.
20302.	Enlisted members: term of enlistment.
20303.	Reference to chapter 31.

#### § 20301. Original enlistments: qualifications; grade

(a) ORIGINAL ENLISTMENTS.—

(1) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT.—The Secretary of the Air Force may accept original enlistments in the Space Force of qualified, effective, and able-bodied persons.

(2) AGE.—A person accepted for original enlistment shall be not less than seventeen years of age. However, no person under eighteen years of age may be originally enlisted without the written consent of the person’s parent or guardian, if the person has a parent or guardian entitled to the person’s custody and control.

(b) GRADE.—A person is enlisted in the Space Force in the grade prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force.

(Added Pub. L. 118–31, div. A, title XVII, §1717(a), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 654.)

**§ 20302. Enlisted members: term of enlistment**

(a) TERM OF ORIGINAL ENLISTMENTS.—The Secretary of the Air Force may accept original enlistments of persons for the duration of their minority or for a period of at least two but not more than eight years in the Space Force.

(b) TERM OF REENLISTMENTS.—The Secretary of the Air Force may accept a reenlistment in the Space Force for a period determined in accordance with paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of section 505(d) of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 118–31, div. A, title XVII, §1717(a), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 654.)

**§ 20303. Reference to chapter 31**

For other provisions of this title applicable to enlistments in the Space Force, see chapter 31 of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 118–31, div. A, title XVII, §1717(a), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 654.)

**CHAPTER 2009—RETENTION AND SEPARATION GENERALLY**

- Sec.
- 20401. Applicability of certain provisions of law related to separation.
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- 20404. Selection of officers for early retirement or discharge.
- 20405. Force shaping authority.

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AMENDMENTS

2024—Pub. L. 118–159, div. A, title XVII, §1701(a)(49), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2206, renumbered item 20404 “Force shaping authority” as 20405.