

**ARMY RESERVE AND RETIRED PERSONNEL  
SERVICE LAW OF 1940**

ACT AUG. 27, 1940, CH. 689, 54 STAT. 858

**§§ 401 to 405. Omitted**

CODIFICATION

Section 401, acts Aug. 27, 1940, ch. 689, §1, 54 Stat. 858; Aug. 18, 1941, ch. 362, §11, 55 Stat. 628, authorized for the period ending the later of June 30, 1942, or 6 months after the termination of the authority under section 352 of this Appendix the President to order reserve and retired personnel to active service. See section 471 of this Appendix.

Section 402, act Aug. 27, 1940, ch. 689, §2, 54 Stat. 859, related to laws and regulations governing personnel called to active service.

Section 403, acts Aug. 27, 1940, ch. 689, §3, 54 Stat. 859; Sept. 16, 1940, ch. 720, §8(d), (f), 54 Stat. 891; July 28, 1942, ch. 529, §1, 56 Stat. 723; Dec. 8, 1944, ch. 548, §2, 58 Stat. 799, related to service and health certificates and reemployment rights. See section 459 of this Appendix.

Section 404, act Aug. 27, 1940, ch. 689, §4, 54 Stat. 860, made applicable the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act and section 101 et seq. of this Appendix. See section 501 et seq. of this Appendix.

Section 405, act Aug. 27, 1940, ch. 689, §5, 54 Stat. 860, suspended all laws in conflict with sections 401 to 405 of this Appendix.

PAY OF PERSONS INDUCTED IN ERRONEOUS RANK OR  
GRADE

Act Feb. 6, 1942, ch. 42, 56 Stat. 50, related to pay of persons inducted in erroneous rank or grade under sections 401 to 405 of this Appendix.

**MILITARY SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT**

ACT JUNE 24, 1948, CH. 625, 62 STAT. 604

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**§ 451. Short title; Congressional declaration of policy**

(a) This Act may be cited as the "Military Selective Service Act".

(b) The Congress declares that an adequate armed strength must be achieved and maintained to insure the security of this Nation.

(c) The Congress further declares that in a free society the obligations and privileges of serving in the armed forces and the reserve components thereof should be shared generally, in accordance with a system of selection which is fair and just, and which is consistent with the maintenance of an effective national economy.

(d) The Congress further declares, in accordance with our traditional military policy as expressed in the National Defense Act of 1916, as amended, that it is essential that the strength and organization of the National Guard, both Ground and Air, as an integral part of the first line defenses of this Nation, be at all times maintained and assured.

To this end, it is the intent of the Congress that whenever Congress shall determine that units and organizations are needed for the national security in excess of those of the Regular components of the Ground Forces and the Air Forces, and those in active service under this title [sections 451 to 471a of this Appendix], the National Guard of the United States, both Ground and Air, or such part thereof as may be necessary, together with such units of the Reserve components as are necessary for a balanced force, shall be ordered to active Federal service and continued therein so long as such necessity exists.

(e) The Congress further declares that adequate provision for national security requires maximum effort in the fields of scientific research and development, and the fullest possible utilization of the Nation's technological, scientific, and other critical manpower resources.

(f) The Congress further declares that the Selective Service System should remain administratively independent of any other agency, including the Department of Defense.

(June 24, 1948, ch. 625, title I, §1, 62 Stat. 604; June 19, 1951, ch. 144, title I, §1(a), 65 Stat. 75; Pub. L. 90-40, §1(1), June 30, 1967, 81 Stat. 100; Pub. L. 92-129, title I, §101(a)(1), Sept. 28, 1971, 85 Stat. 348; Pub. L. 96-107, title VIII, §812, Nov. 9, 1979, 93 Stat. 816.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Military Selective Service Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is act June 24, 1948, ch. 625, 62 Stat. 604, as amended, originally called the "Selective Service Act of 1948", renamed the "Universal Military Training and Service Act" by act June 19, 1951, ch. 144, title I, §1(a), 65 Stat. 75, then renamed the "Military Selective Service Act of 1967" by Pub. L. 90-40, §1(1), June 30, 1967, 81 Stat. 100, and now designated the Military Selective Service Act by Pub. L. 92-129, title I, §101(a)(1), Sept. 28, 1971, 85 Stat. 348. Act June 24, 1948 consisted of titles I and II. Title I of such act enacted sections 451 to 454 and 455 to 471a of this Appendix. Title II of such act was classified to the Articles of War set out in former Title 10, Army and Air Force, to sections 61, 61a, 62a, 65, and 652a of former Title 10, and to section 180 of former Title 14, Coast Guard. Title II of act June 24, 1948 was repealed by act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, §53, 70A Stat. 641.

The National Defense Act of 1916, as amended, referred to in subsec. (d), is act June 3, 1916, ch. 134, 39 Stat. 166, as amended, which was classified generally throughout former Title 10, Army and Air Force. The Act was repealed by act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, §53, 70A Stat. 641, and the provisions thereof were reenacted as