

1989—Subsec. (f)(5). Pub. L. 101-189 struck out par. (5) which read as follows: “The limitations in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) do not apply before October 1, 1988.”

1988—Subsec. (c)(5). Pub. L. 100-456 added par. (5).

1987—Subsec. (f)(4). Pub. L. 100-180 inserted “the President or” after “declared by”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Requirements of subsec. (c)(5) of this section applicable with respect to any person appointed on or after Sept. 29, 1988, as head of office or other entity designated for conducting auditing function in a military department, see section 325(d)(1) of Pub. L. 100-456, set out as a note under section 5014 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Subsecs. (c) and (d) of this section to be implemented not later than 180 days after Oct. 1, 1986, see section 532(a) of Pub. L. 99-433, set out as a note under section 3014 of this title.

EXCEPTIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS TO LIMITATIONS ON PERSONNEL

Baseline personnel limitations in this section inapplicable to certain acquisition personnel and personnel hired pursuant to a shortage category designation for fiscal year 2009 and fiscal years thereafter, and Secretary of Defense or a secretary of a military department authorized to adjust such limitations for fiscal year 2009 and fiscal years thereafter, see section 1111 of Pub. L. 110-417, set out as a note under section 143 of this title.

§ 8015. Under Secretary of the Air Force

(a) There is an Under Secretary of the Air Force, 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 Air Force may prescribe.

(Added Pub. L. 99-433, title V, § 521(a)(3), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1058.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 8013 of this title prior to enactment of Pub. L. 99-433.

A prior section 8015, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 489, § 8014; renumbered § 8015, Oct. 1, 1986, Pub. L. 99-433, title V, § 521(a)(1), 100 Stat. 1055, related to Comptroller and Deputy Comptroller of the Air Force, powers and duties, and appointment, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 99-433, § 521(a)(3).

ORDER OF SUCCESSION

For order of succession in event of death, permanent disability, or resignation of Secretary of the Air Force, see Ex. Ord. No. 12909, Apr. 22, 1994, 59 F.R. 21909, listed in a table under section 3345 of Title 5.

§ 8016. Assistant Secretaries of the Air Force

(a) There are four Assistant Secretaries of the Air Force. 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 Air Force may prescribe.

(2) One of the Assistant Secretaries shall be the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force 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 Air Force.

(3) One of the Assistant Secretaries shall be the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management. The Assistant Secretary shall have as his principal responsibility the exercise of the comptroller functions of the Department of the Air Force, including financial management functions. The Assistant Secretary shall be responsible for all financial management activities and operations of the Department of the Air Force and shall advise the Secretary of the Air Force on financial management.

(4)(A) One of the Assistant Secretaries shall be the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics. The principal duty of the Assistant Secretary shall be the overall supervision of acquisition, technology, and logistics matters of the Department of the Air Force.

(B) The Assistant Secretary shall have a Principal Military Deputy, who shall be an officer of the Air Force on active duty. The Principal Military Deputy shall be appointed from among officers who have significant experience in the areas of acquisition and program management. The position of Principal Military Deputy shall be designated as a critical acquisition position under section 1733 of this title. In the event of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, the Principal Military Deputy may serve as Acting Assistant Secretary for a period of not more than one year.

(Added Pub. L. 99-433, title V, § 521(a)(3), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1058; amended Pub. L. 100-456, div. A, title VII, § 702(c)[(1)], (d), Sept. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 1995, 1996; Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title IX, § 908(c), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 278; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title V, § 502(ii), title VIII, § 802(c), title IX, § 934(a), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2105, 2249, 2365.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 3013 of this title prior to enactment of Pub. L. 99-433.

AMENDMENTS

2016—Subsec. (b)(4)(A). Pub. L. 114-328, § 934(a), substituted “Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics” for “Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition” and inserted “, technology, and logistics” after “acquisition”.

Subsec. (b)(4)(B). Pub. L. 114-328, § 802(c), inserted at end “In the event of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, the Principal Military Deputy may serve as Acting Assistant Secretary for a period of not more than one year.”

Pub. L. 114-328, § 502(ii), substituted “an officer” for “a lieutenant general”.

2008—Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 110-181 added par. (4).

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-456, § 702(d), substituted “four” for “three”.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 100-456, § 702(c)[(1)], added par. (3).

CHANGE OF NAME

Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title IX, § 934(b), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2365, provided that: “Any reference to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition in any law, regulation, map, document, record, or other paper of the United States shall be deemed to be a ref-

erence to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-456, div. A, title VII, §702(e)(2), Sept. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 1996, provided that: “The amendments made by subsections (c) and (d) [enacting section 8022 of this title and amending this section] shall take effect on July 1, 1989, except that such amendments shall take effect on such earlier date, but not before January 21, 1989, as may be prescribed by the President in advance by Executive order.”

§ 8017. Secretary of the Air Force: successors to duties

If the Secretary of the Air Force 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 3347¹ of title 5, directs another person to perform those duties or until the absence or disability ceases:

- (1) The Under Secretary of the Air Force.
- (2) The Assistant Secretaries of the Air Force, in the order prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force and approved by the Secretary of Defense.
- (3) The General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force.
- (4) The Chief of Staff.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 489; Pub. L. 89-718, §23, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1118; Pub. L. 90-235, §4(a)(9), Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 760; Pub. L. 99-433, title V, §521(a)(4), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1058; Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title IX, §902(c), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2823.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8017(a)	5:626-1(b).	Sept. 19, 1951, ch. 407, §102 (less (a)), 65 Stat. 327.
8017(b)	5:626-1(c).	

In subsection (a), the word “person” is substituted for the words “officer of the United States”. The words “until a successor is appointed” are omitted as surplusage.

Subsection (b) is substituted for 5:626-1(c) and states the effect of section 8544(b) of this title.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 3347 of title 5, referred to in text, was repealed and a new section 3347 was enacted by Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title I, §151(b), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-611, and, as so enacted, no longer contains provisions authorizing the President to direct temporary successors to duties. See section 3345 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

AMENDMENTS

1994—Pars. (3), (4). Pub. L. 103-337 added par. (3) and redesignated former par. (3) as (4).

1986—Pub. L. 99-433 struck out subsec. (a) designation, substituted in par. (2) “, in the order prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force and approved by the Secretary of Defense” for “in order of their length of service as such”, and struck out subsec. (b) which read as follows: “Performance of the duties of the Secretary by the Chief of Staff or any officer of the Air Force designated under section 3347 of title 5 shall not be consid-

¹ See References in Text note below.

ered as the holding of a civil office within the meaning of section 973(b) of this title.”

1968—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 90-235 substituted “section 973(b) of this title” for “section 8544(b) of this title”.

1966—Pub. L. 89-718 substituted “section 3347 of title 5” for “section 6 of title 5” wherever appearing.

ORDER OF SUCCESSION

For order of succession in event of death, permanent disability, or resignation of Secretary of the Air Force, see Ex. Ord. No. 12909, Apr. 22, 1994, 59 F.R. 21909, listed in a table under section 3345 of Title 5.

§ 8018. Administrative Assistant

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

(Added Pub. L. 99-433, title V, §521(a)(5), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1059.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8018, added Pub. L. 85-861, §1(154)(A), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1513, prescribed compensation of General Counsel of Department of the Air Force, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 88-426, title III, §305(40)(A), Aug. 14, 1964, 78 Stat. 427, eff. first day of first pay period beginning on or after July 1, 1964. See section 5316 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 8019. General Counsel

(a) There is a General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force, appointed from civilian life by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(b) The General Counsel shall perform such functions as the Secretary of the Air Force may prescribe.

(Added Pub. L. 99-433, title V, §521(a)(5), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1059; amended Pub. L. 100-456, div. A, title VII, §703(a), Sept. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 1996.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8019 was renumbered section 8038 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-456 inserted “, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate” before period at end.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-456 applicable to appointments made under this section on and after Sept. 29, 1988, see section 703(c) of Pub. L. 100-456, set out as a note under section 3019 of this title.

§ 8020. Inspector General

(a) There is an Inspector General of the Air Force who shall be detailed to such position by the Secretary of the Air Force from the general officers of the Air Force. An officer may not be detailed to such position for a tour of duty of more than four years, except that the Secretary may extend such a tour of duty if he makes a special finding that the extension is necessary in the public interest.

(b) When directed by the Secretary or the Chief of Staff, the Inspector General shall—

- (1) inquire into and report upon the discipline, efficiency, and economy of the Air Force; and