

(Pub. L. 109-304, §8(b), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1570; Pub. L. 111-383, div. C, title XXXV, §3503, Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4518; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title V, §566(d), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2139.)

AMENDMENT OF SECTION

Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title V, §566(d), (e), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2139, provided that, applicable with respect to the appointment of cadets and midshipmen to the United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy, the United States Air Force Academy, and the United States Merchant Marine Academy for classes entering these service academies after Jan. 1, 2018, this section is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

(e) Congressional Notification in Advance of Appointments.—When a nominee of a Senator, Representative, or Delegate is selected for appointment as a cadet, the Senator, Representative, or Delegate shall be notified at least 48 hours before the official notification or announcement of the appointment is made.

See 2016 Amendment note below.

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
51302(a)	46 App.:1295b(b)(1)(A).	June 29, 1936, ch. 858, title XIII, §1303(b)(1)–(3)(A), as added Pub. L. 96-453, §2, Oct. 15, 1980, 94 Stat. 1998; Pub. L. 101-595, title VII, §708(1), (2), Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 2995.
	46 App.:1295b(b)(2)(A) (related to nominations).	
51302(b)	46 App.:1295b(b)(1) (less cl. (A)).	
	46 App.:1295b(b)(3)(A)(ii) (related to who may be nominated).	
51302(c)	46 App.:1295b(b)(3)(A) (less (ii) related to who may be nominated).	
51302(d)	46 App.:1295b(b)(2)(A) (related to selection), (B), (3)(B), (C).	

In subsection (b)(6)(A), the words “residents, or sons or daughters of residents, of an area or installation” are substituted for “a resident of the area or installation” in 46 App. U.S.C. 1295b(b)(1)(B) and “sons or daughters of residents of any area or installation” in 46 App. U.S.C. 1295b(b)(3)(A)(ii) to resolve an inconsistency in the source law and to conform to the probable intent of Congress. Although 46 App. U.S.C. 1295b(b)(1)(B) provides that a nominee must be a resident, 46 App. U.S.C. 1295b(b)(3)(A)(ii) allocates positions only for sons or daughters of residents.

AMENDMENTS

2016—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 114-328 added subsec. (e).
 2011—Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 111-383, §3503(1), inserted “the Northern Mariana Islands,” after “Guam.”
 Subsec. (b)(5), (6). Pub. L. 111-383, §3503(2), redesignated par. (6) as (5) and struck out former par. (5) which read as follows: “The Governor of the Northern Mariana Islands may nominate residents of the Northern Mariana Islands.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2016 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 114-328 applicable with respect to the appointment of cadets and midshipmen to the United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy, the United States Air Force Academy, and the United States Merchant Marine Academy for

classes entering these service academies after Jan. 1, 2018, see section 566(e) of Pub. L. 114-328, set out as a note under section 4342 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

§ 51303. Non-competitive appointments

The Secretary of Transportation may appoint each year without competition as cadets at the United States Merchant Marine Academy not more than 50 qualified individuals with qualities the Secretary considers to be of special value to the Academy. In making these appointments, the Secretary shall try to achieve a national demographic balance at the Academy.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §8(b), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1572; Pub. L. 114-328, div. C, title XXXV, §3516(a), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2789.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
51303	46 App.:1295b(b)(3)(D).	June 29, 1936, ch. 858, title XIII, §1303(b)(3)(D), as added Pub. L. 96-453, §2, Oct. 15, 1980, 94 Stat. 1999.

AMENDMENTS

2016—Pub. L. 114-328 substituted “50” for “40”.

§ 51304. Additional appointments from particular areas

(a) OTHER COUNTRIES IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE.—The President may appoint individuals from countries in the Western Hemisphere other than the United States to receive instruction at the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Not more than 12 individuals may receive instruction under this subsection at the same time, and not more than 2 individuals from the same country may receive instruction under this subsection at the same time.

(b) OTHER COUNTRIES GENERALLY.—

(1) APPOINTMENT.—The Secretary of Transportation, with the approval of the Secretary of State, may appoint individuals from countries other than the United States to receive instruction at the Academy. Not more than 30 individuals may receive instruction under this subsection at the same time.

(2) REIMBURSEMENT.—The Secretary of Transportation shall ensure that the country from which an individual comes under this subsection will reimburse the Secretary for the cost (as determined by the Secretary) of the instruction and allowances received by the individual.

(c) PANAMA.—

(1) APPOINTMENT.—The Secretary of Transportation, with the approval of the Secretary of State, may appoint individuals from Panama to receive instruction at the Academy. Individuals appointed under this subsection are in addition to those appointed under any other provision of this chapter.

(2) REIMBURSEMENT.—The Secretary of Transportation shall be reimbursed for the cost (as determined by the Secretary) of the instruction and allowances received by an individual appointed under this subsection.

(d) ALLOWANCES AND REGULATIONS.—Individuals receiving instruction under this section are