

sentences as subpar. (C) and, in subpar. (C), substituted “The principal responsibility of the Assistant Secretary shall be” for “The Assistant Secretary shall have as his principal responsibility”, and added subpar. (B).

2016—Subsec. (b)(4)(B). Pub. L. 114-328, §802(b), inserted at end “In the event of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and 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(t), substituted “an officer of the Navy or the Marine Corps” for “a vice admiral of the Navy or a lieutenant general of the Marine Corps”.

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

1988—Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 100-456 added par. (3).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2017 AMENDMENT

For applicability of appointment qualifications imposed by section 921 of Pub. L. 115-91 to certain appointments made on or after Dec. 12, 2017, see section 921(d) of Pub. L. 115-91, set out as a note under section 3016 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-456 effective Jan. 20, 1989, see section 702(e)(1) of Pub. L. 100-456, set out as a note under section 3016 of this title.

**§ 5017. Secretary of the Navy: successors to duties**

If the Secretary of the Navy 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 3347<sup>1</sup> of title 5, directs another person to perform those duties or until the absence or disability ceases:

- (1) The Under Secretary of the Navy.
- (2) The Assistant Secretaries of the Navy, in the order prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy and approved by the Secretary of Defense.
- (3) The General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.
- (4) The Chief of Naval Operations.
- (5) The Commandant of the Marine Corps.

(Added Pub. L. 99-433, title V, §511(c)(4), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1047; amended Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title IX, §902(b), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2823.)

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Section 3347 of title 5, referred to in text, was repealed and a new section 3347 was enacted by Pub.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.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 5036 of this title prior to enactment of Pub. L. 99-433.

AMENDMENTS

1994—Pars. (3) to (5). Pub. L. 103-337 added par. (3) and redesignated former pars. (3) and (4) as (4) and (5), respectively.

ORDER OF SUCCESSION

For order of succession in event of death, permanent disability, or resignation of Secretary of the Navy, see

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

Ex. Ord. No. 12879, Nov. 8, 1993, 58 F.R. 59929, listed in a table under section 3345 of Title 5.

**§ 5018. Administrative Assistant**

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

(Added Pub. L. 99-433, title V, §511(c)(4), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1047.)

**§ 5019. General Counsel**

(a) There is a General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, 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 Navy may prescribe.

(Added Pub. L. 99-433, title V, §511(c)(4), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1047; amended Pub. L. 100-456, div. A, title VII, §703(a), Sept. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 1996.)

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.

**§ 5020. Naval Inspector General: detail; duties**

(a) There is in the Office of the Secretary of the Navy the Office of the Naval Inspector General. The Naval Inspector General shall be detailed from officers on the active-duty list in the line of the Navy serving in grades above captain.

(b) The Naval Inspector General, when directed, shall inquire into and report upon any matter that affects the discipline or military efficiency of the Department of the Navy. He shall make such inspections, investigations, and reports as the Secretary of the Navy or the Chief of Naval Operations directs.

(c) The Naval Inspector General shall cooperate fully with the Inspector General of the Department of Defense in connection with the performance of any duty or function by the Inspector General of the Department of Defense under the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App. 3) regarding the Department of the Navy.

(d) The Naval Inspector General shall periodically propose programs of inspections to the Secretary of the Navy and shall recommend additional inspections and investigations as may appear appropriate.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 283, §5088; Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §503(7), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2911; renumbered §5020 and amended Pub. L. 99-433, title V, §511(c)(5), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1047.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
5088(a), (b), (c).	5 U.S.C. 423f.	Mar. 5, 1948, ch. 98, §6, 62 Stat. 68.