

- (B) as major, 325;
- (C) as lieutenant colonel, 175; and
- (D) as colonel, 80.
- (3) In the case of the Marine Corps—
 - (A) as captain, 50;
 - (B) as major, 175;
 - (C) as lieutenant colonel, 100; and
 - (D) as colonel, 50.
- (4) In the case of the Navy—
 - (A) as lieutenant, 100;
 - (B) as lieutenant commander, 325;
 - (C) as commander, 175; and
 - (D) as captain, 80.

(Added Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title V, §503(a)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1740.)

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2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title V, §507(a)(2), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1748, added item for subchapter VI.

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2006—Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title V, §547(d)(1), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2216, added item 613a.

1991—Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title V, §504(a)(2)(B), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1357, struck out “; communications with boards” after “selection boards” in item 614.

§ 611. Convening of selection boards

(a) Whenever the needs of the service require, the Secretary of the military department concerned shall convene selection boards to recommend for promotion to the next higher permanent grade, under subchapter II of this chapter, officers on the active-duty list in each permanent grade from first lieutenant through brigadier general in the Army, Air Force, or Marine Corps and from lieutenant (junior grade) through rear admiral (lower half) in the Navy. The preceding sentence does not require the convening of a selection board in the case of officers in the permanent grade of first lieutenant or, in the case of the Navy, lieutenant (junior grade)

when the Secretary concerned recommends for promotion to the next higher grade under section 624(a)(3) of this title all such officers whom the Secretary finds to be fully qualified for promotion.

(b) Whenever the needs of the service require, the Secretary of the military department concerned may convene selection boards to recommend officers for continuation on active duty under section 637 of this title or for early retirement under section 638 of this title.

(c) The convening of selection boards under subsections (a) and (b) shall be under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

(Added Pub. L. 96-513, title I, §105, Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2851; amended Pub. L. 97-86, title IV, §405(b)(1), Dec. 1, 1981, 95 Stat. 1105; Pub. L. 99-145, title V, §514(b)(1), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 628; Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title V, §505(a)(3), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1086.)

AMENDMENTS

2001—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-107, §505(a)(3)(A), substituted “Whenever the needs of the service require, the Secretary of the military department concerned” for “Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the military department concerned, whenever the needs of the service require,” and inserted at end “The preceding sentence does not require the convening of a selection board in the case of officers in the permanent grade of first lieutenant or, in the case of the Navy, lieutenant (junior grade) when the Secretary concerned recommends for promotion to the next higher grade under section 624(a)(3) of this title all such officers whom the Secretary finds to be fully qualified for promotion.”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 107-107, §505(a)(3)(B), substituted “Whenever the needs of the service require, the Secretary of the military department concerned” for “Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the military department concerned, whenever the needs of the service require,”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 107-107, §505(a)(3)(C), added subsec. (c).

1985—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-145 substituted “rear admiral (lower half)” for “commodore”.

1981—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-86 substituted “commodore” for “commodore admiral”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-86 effective Sept. 15, 1981, see section 405(f) of Pub. L. 97-86, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Sept. 15, 1981, but the authority to prescribe regulations under this subchapter effective on Dec. 12, 1980, see section 701 of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as an Effective Date of 1980 Amendment note under section 101 of this title.

TRANSITION FROM GRADE OF COMMODORE TO GRADE OF REAR ADMIRAL (LOWER HALF)

Pub. L. 99-145, title V, §514(e), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 630, provided that:

“(1) An officer who on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 8, 1985] is serving in or has the grade of commodore shall as of the date of the enactment of this Act be serving in or have the grade of rear admiral (lower half).

“(2) An officer who on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act is on a list of officers selected for promotion to the grade of commodore shall as of the date of the enactment of this Act be considered to be