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Introduced by Representatives Conquest of Newbury, Christie of Hartford, and
Stevens of Waterbury

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Adjutant and Inspector General; nomination of candidates

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create an
Adjutant and Inspector General Recommendation Board to provide the General
Assembly with qualified candidates for the Adjutant and Inspector General.

An act relating to selection of the Adjutant and Inspector General

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 370 is added to read:

§ 370. ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL RECOMMENDATION

BOARD

(a) The Adjutant and Inspector General Recommendation Board is created
to recommend nominees for the Adjutant and Inspector General.

(b)(1) The Board shall consist of 10 members who shall be selected as
follows:

(A) The Senate Committee on Committees shall appoint four
members of the Senate, not all of whom shall be members of the same party.

1 (B) The Speaker of the House shall appoint four members of the
2 House, not all of whom shall be members of the same party.

3 (C) The Governor shall appoint two ex officio members who shall
4 have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

5 (2) The members of the Board appointed by the Governor shall serve for
6 terms of two years and may serve for no more than three terms. The members
7 of the Board appointed by the House and Senate shall serve for terms of
8 two years and may serve for no more than three consecutive terms. All
9 appointments shall occur between January 1 and February 1 of each
10 odd-numbered year, except to fill a vacancy. Members shall serve until their
11 successors are elected or appointed.

12 (3) The members shall elect their own chair who will serve for a term of
13 two years.

14 (c) Legislative members of the Board shall be entitled to per diem
15 compensation and reimbursement for expenses in accordance with 2 V.S.A.
16 § 406. Members of the Board who are not otherwise compensated by their
17 employer shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement for
18 expenses in the same manner as Board members are compensated under
19 32 V.S.A. § 1010. All compensation and reimbursement shall be paid from the
20 legislative appropriation.

1 (d) The Board shall adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 that shall
2 establish criteria and standards for the nomination of qualified candidates for
3 Adjutant and Inspector General. The criteria and standards shall include:

4 (1) length of service in the U.S. Armed Forces;

5 (2) current rank;

6 (3) leadership experience;

7 (4) integrity;

8 (5) administrative and communicative skills; and

9 (6) other criteria and standards as determined by the Board from time to
10 time.

11 (e) In adopting criteria and standards for determining the qualifications of
12 candidates for Adjutant and Inspector General pursuant to subdivision (d)(6) of
13 this section, the Board shall consult with current and retired members of the
14 Vermont Army National Guard and Vermont Air National Guard.

15 (f) A quorum of the Board shall consist of six voting members.

16 (g) The Board is authorized to use the staff and services of appropriate
17 State agencies and departments as necessary to conduct investigations of
18 applicants.

1 Sec. 2. 20 V.S.A. § 371 is added to read:

2 § 371. DUTIES OF RECOMMENDATION BOARD

3 (a) The Board shall biennially evaluate the qualifications of candidates for
4 Adjutant and Inspector General. A candidate for Adjutant and Inspector
5 General shall, not later than two months prior to the election, declare their
6 candidacy and describe their qualifications on an application form provided by
7 the Board.

8 (b) The Board shall submit a list of the qualified candidates for Adjutant
9 and Inspector General to the General Assembly one week prior to the election
10 of the Adjutant and Inspector General. The list shall constitute the complete
11 list of all candidates for the General Assembly to vote on pursuant to 2 V.S.A.
12 § 12.

13 Sec. 3. 2 V.S.A. § 12 is amended to read:

14 § 12. LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS; UNIFORM BALLOTS

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16 (b) A candidate for office, other than for Adjutant and Inspector General,
17 shall, not later than one week preceding the election, notify the ~~secretary of~~
18 ~~state~~ Secretary of State in writing of his or her candidacy, naming the
19 particular office. If he or she fails so to notify the ~~secretary of state~~ Secretary
20 of State, his or her name shall not be printed on the ballot. No ballot may be

1 used other than the official ballot provided by the ~~secretary of state~~ Secretary
2 of State.

3 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.