

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred House
3 Bill No. 771 entitled “An act relating to the Vermont National Guard”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by striking out all after
6 the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 428 is added to read:

8 § 428. RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, AND PROMOTION OF WOMEN;

9 REPORT

10 (a) Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), the Adjutant and Inspector General
11 shall make a report to the General Assembly on or before January 15, 2019 and
12 annually thereafter regarding the Vermont National Guard’s efforts to recruit
13 and retain women and to increase the number of women serving as senior
14 noncommissioned officers, warrant officers, and senior commissioned officers.

15 (b) The report shall contain:

16 (1) the numbers of men and women serving in the Vermont National
17 Guard;

18 (2) the numbers, by rank, of men and women serving in the Vermont
19 National Guard as senior noncommissioned officers, E-7 and above; as warrant
20 officers, W-1 to W-5; and as senior commissioned officers, O-4 and above;

1 (3) the change during the previous five years in the numbers of men and
2 women serving in the Vermont National Guard as senior noncommissioned
3 officers, E-7 and above; as warrant officers, W-1 to W-5; and as senior
4 commissioned officers, O-4 and above;

5 (4) the numbers of men and women recruited to serve in the Vermont
6 National Guard during the past calendar year;

7 (5) the numbers of men and women recruited or promoted to serve in the
8 Vermont National Guard as senior noncommissioned officers, E-7 and above,
9 during the past calendar year;

10 (6) the numbers of men and women recruited or promoted to serve in the
11 Vermont National Guard as warrant officers, W-1 to W-5, during the past
12 calendar year;

13 (7) the numbers of men and women recruited or promoted to serve in the
14 Vermont National Guard as senior commissioned officers, O-4 and above,
15 during the past calendar year;

16 (8) a summary of the current policies, initiatives, and programs to
17 increase the number of women recruited and retained by the Vermont National
18 Guard, any changes made by the Guard since the prior report, and any
19 recommendations for legislative action to increase further the number of
20 women recruited and retained by the Vermont National Guard; and

1 (9) a summary of the current policies, initiatives, and programs to
2 increase the number of women serving in the Vermont National Guard as
3 senior noncommissioned officers, warrant officers, and senior commissioned
4 officers; any changes made by the Guard since the prior report; and any
5 recommendations for legislative action to increase further the number of
6 women serving in the Vermont National Guard as senior noncommissioned
7 officers, warrant officers, and senior commissioned officers.

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

9 § 12. LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS; UNIFORM BALLOTS

10 (a) Whenever there is a known contested election for Speaker of the House
11 of Representatives, or for President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and in
12 elections by the joint assembly of the ~~Legislature~~ General Assembly, the
13 Secretary of State shall prepare a ballot for each office, listing the names of the
14 known candidates for the office in the alphabetical order of their surnames and
15 leaving thereon sufficient blank spaces to take care of any nominations from
16 the floor.

17 (b) A candidate for office shall, not later than one week preceding the
18 election, notify the Secretary of State in writing of his or her candidacy,
19 naming the particular office. If he or she fails so to notify the Secretary of
20 State, his or her name shall not be printed on the ballot. No ballot may be used
21 other than the official ballot provided by the Secretary of State.

1 (c)(1) A candidate for Adjutant and Inspector General shall:

2 (A) be a resident of Vermont;

3 (B) have attained the rank of lieutenant colonel (O-5) or above;

4 (C) be a current member of the U.S. Army, the U.S. Air Force, the
5 U.S. Army Reserve, the U.S. Air Force Reserve, the Army National Guard, or
6 the Air National Guard or be eligible to return to active service in the Army
7 National Guard or the Air National Guard; and

8 (D) be a graduate of a Senior Service College, currently be enrolled
9 in a Senior Service College, or be eligible to be enrolled in a Senior Service
10 College during the biennium in which the candidate would first be appointed.

11 (2) A candidate for Adjutant and Inspector General shall, at the time he
12 or she notifies the Secretary of State of his or her candidacy pursuant to
13 subsection (b) of this section, certify under oath to the Secretary that he or she
14 meets the qualifications set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

15 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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18 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE