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2 Introduced by Senator White

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: General Assembly; legislative elections; Adjutant and Inspector

6 General

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish
8 minimum qualifications for candidates for Adjutant and Inspector General.

9 An act relating to the qualifications of candidates for Adjutant and Inspector
10 General

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

12 Sec. 1. 2 V.S.A. § 12 is amended to read:

13 § 12. LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS; UNIFORM BALLOTS

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

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

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

7 (A) be a resident of Vermont;

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

9 (C) be a current member of the U.S. Army, the U.S. Air Force, the
10 U.S. Army Reserve, the U.S. Air Force Reserve, the Army National Guard, or
11 the Air National Guard or be eligible to return to active service in the Army
12 National Guard or the Air National Guard; and

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

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

20 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.