

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred House  
3 Bill No. 278 entitled “An act relating to selection of the Adjutant and Inspector  
4 General” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends  
5 that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by striking out all  
6 after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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

8 § 12. LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS; UNIFORM BALLOTS

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

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

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

- 1           (A) be a resident of Vermont;
- 2           (B) have attained the rank of lieutenant colonel (O-5) or above;
- 3           (C) be a current member of the U.S. Army, the U.S. Air Force, the  
4 U.S. Army Reserve, the U.S. Air Force Reserve, the Army National Guard, or  
5 the Air National Guard, or be eligible to return to active service in the Army  
6 National Guard or the Air National Guard; and
- 7           (D) be a graduate of a Senior Service College, currently be enrolled  
8 in a Senior Service College, or be eligible to be enrolled in a Senior Service  
9 College during the biennium in which the candidate would first be appointed.
- 10          (2) A candidate for Adjutant and Inspector General shall, at the time he  
11 or she notifies the Secretary of State of his or her candidacy pursuant to  
12 subsection (b) of this section, certify under oath to the Secretary that he or she  
13 meets the qualifications set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

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16          (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE COMMITTEE