

By: Senator(s) Johnson (19th)

To: Veterans and Military
Affairs

SENATE BILL NO. 2463

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 33-3-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL BY PROVIDING
3 THAT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL APPOINTEE SHALL HAVE RECEIVED FEDERAL
4 RECOGNITION BEFORE HIS APPOINTMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 33-3-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 33-3-7. (1) The Governor shall nominate and, by and with
9 the consent of the Senate, appoint and commission an Adjutant
10 General, which appointment shall carry with it the rank of major
11 general; provided, however, that if the person nominated is a
12 retired officer who has attained a rank higher than that of major
13 general he may, at the discretion of the Governor, retain such
14 rank but his compensation shall not be increased above that amount
15 hereinafter provided. The four-year term of the Adjutant General
16 shall expire with the expiration of the appointing Governor's term
17 of office. The Adjutant General shall be chief of staff to the
18 Governor, subordinate only to the Governor in matters affecting
19 the military department and militia of this state.

20 (2) To be eligible for such appointment, the Adjutant
21 General shall have attained at least the rank of Colonel, shall
22 have received federal recognition before his appointment, and
23 shall have served at least seven (7) years in the Armed Forces of
24 the United States, either in active federal service or as a member
25 of a reserve component, with at least three (3) years of such
26 service in the Mississippi National Guard. At least five (5)
27 years of such service shall have been as a commissioned officer.



28 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
29 and after July 1, 2002.

