

The House Committee on Defense and Veterans Affairs offers the following substitute to HB 52:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to adjutant general and other executives, so as to provide qualifications  
3 for appointment to the office of adjutant general; to provide qualifications for appointment  
4 to the office of assistant adjutant general; to provide for an effective date and applicability;  
5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 3 of Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
9 relating to adjutant general and other executives, is amended by revising Code Section  
10 38-2-150, relating to adjutant general, eligibility, appointment, compensation, and bond, as  
11 follows:

12 "38-2-150.

13 There shall be an adjutant general of the state who shall be appointed by the Governor for  
14 a term concurrent with the term of the Governor appointing such person and who shall  
15 serve as such at the pleasure of the Governor. The adjutant general shall have not less than  
16 the rank of a major general, the specific rank to be determined by the Governor. The  
17 adjutant general shall not be less than 30 nor more than 65 years of age. No person shall  
18 be eligible to hold the office of adjutant general unless he or she holds or has held a  
19 commission of at least the federally recognized rank of ~~field grade or the equivalent in the~~  
20 ~~organized militia of the state;~~ general officer in the armed forces of the United States; or  
21 in a reserve component thereof and shall have served not less than five years in one or more  
22 of such services at the time of his or her appointment. The adjutant general shall receive  
23 the pay and allowances for his or her rank as provided by law for an officer of equivalent  
24 rank in the regular armed forces of the United States. The Governor shall require the  
25 adjutant general to give bond to the state, conditioned on the faithful discharge of the duties  
26 of the office, in the sum of \$10,000.00 with good and sufficient security, to be approved

27 by the Governor. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the adjutant general shall  
 28 not be subject to the provisions of subsection (e) of Code Section 38-2-279, relating to pay  
 29 for 18 days' absence and emergency pay."

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## SECTION 2.

31 Said part is further amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 38-2-152, relating  
 32 to assistant adjutants general, eligibility, appointment, duties, compensation, and tenure, as  
 33 follows:

34 "(a) The Governor shall appoint an assistant adjutant general for army and an assistant  
 35 adjutant general for air to assist the adjutant general in the discharge and performance of  
 36 his or her duties. Each of the assistant adjutants general, at the time of appointment, shall  
 37 be a federally recognized officer with the federally recognized rank of ~~lieutenant colonel~~  
 38 ~~or higher general officer~~. An officer who has retired or resigned from the Georgia National  
 39 Guard or any other component of the Army or Air Force shall be eligible for appointment  
 40 as assistant adjutant general for army or air; provided, however, that the officer shall have  
 41 served in a federally recognized status in the active Army or Air National Guard or any  
 42 other component of the Army or Air Force, as appropriate, and attained the federally  
 43 recognized rank of ~~lieutenant colonel or higher general officer~~; and provided, further, that  
 44 the appointment of the officer shall be within five years after the date of his or her  
 45 retirement or resignation and prior to his or her attaining age 60. Each of the assistant  
 46 adjutants general shall have the rank of not less than brigadier general, the specific rank to  
 47 be determined by the Governor. Each of the officers shall receive the pay and allowances  
 48 for his or her rank as provided by law for an officer of equivalent rank in the regular armed  
 49 forces of the United States. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the adjutant general,  
 50 and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified as provided by law, the assistant  
 51 adjutant general who is senior in rank shall perform the duties required of the adjutant  
 52 general in connection with the military division, as provided by law. Assistant adjutants  
 53 general shall hold no other state office, and they shall serve at the pleasure of the  
 54 Governor."

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## SECTION 3.

56 The provisions of this Act shall not affect the eligibility of any person serving as adjutant  
 57 general or assistant adjutant general on July 1, 2013, but rather shall be applicable to all  
 58 future appointments to such offices.

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## SECTION 4.

60 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.