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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 11-41—HB 6419

*Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs
Public Safety and Security Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION OF THE MILITARY
DEPARTMENT AND THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE ADJUTANT
GENERAL**

SUMMARY: This act increases, from 10 to 15 years, the minimum number of commissioned service a person must have in the U.S. armed forces to be appointed adjutant general. It requires the person to have reached at least the rank of (1) lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, or Air Force or (2) commander in the U.S. Navy or Coast Guard.

The act specifies that the (1) Military Department is comprised of the state's armed forces and any civilian employees the adjutant general appoints and (2) state's armed forces are under the military command and control of the adjutant general. By law, the Military Department is under the adjutant general's charge. The governor is commander-in-chief of the state's armed forces when they are not in U.S. service and he appoints the adjutant general.

The act also makes a technical change.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Armed Forces of the State

By law, the state's armed forces are the (1) National Guard, (2) organized militia (i.e., the governor's guards, the State Guard, and other military forces the governor as commander-in-chief may designate), and (3) naval militia and marine corps branch of the naval militia, whenever organized.

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