

Youth Effect Draft Law Changes--Tarr

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The agent for progress and improvement is participation. The Selective Service System has undergone many significant changes in the past two years. Many of the changes are directly attributable to the young men and women who participated responsibly during this difficult period of change.

Our chief mechanism for this youth involvement has been the Selective Service Youth Advisory Committees. Established in every state across the country, the groups have discussed the ideas, suggestions and criticisms of youth on a wide variety of draft topics.

The new draft law and regulations reflect nearly two dozen significant changes in the system. Of the thirty-six suggestions put forward by over 600 youth advisers, eighteen have been implemented by law or regulation. Six are being studied further for possible future implementation. Ten were beyond the jurisdictional control of the Selective Service System and were referred to the Executive Branch or Congress for consideration. Only two were disapproved.

One of the more important changes brought about concerned the age of local draft board members. The youth committees suggested lower ages and a curtailment of the length of service on local boards. Regulations previously stated that citizens could not be appointed to local boards unless they were at least 30 years old. They could not serve beyond their 75th birthday or for more than 25 years. The new regulations and law limit service on local draft boards to 20 years and set a minimum age of 65 years. A minimum age of 18 has been set for appointment to local boards.

In accord with our youth advisers' recommendations, the new law abolished student de-

ferments for all college students who were not enrolled during the 1970-1971 academic year. In other words, from now on, no more college deferments will be granted. But the law also provides that both undergraduate and graduate students who receive induction orders will have their inductions postponed until the end of their current academic term, quarter, or semester. A student in his last academic year can have his induction postponed until the end of the school year, allowing him to graduate.

The advisers were concerned that draft calls varied from community to community, and they sought a more uniform approach to selecting men for service.

In the past a system based upon total registration was used to apportion the national draft call to the state headquarters, who in turn apportioned the call to individual local draft boards. The new regulations removed the requirement to use this system and instead established a uniform national call. Now all young men in the nation with the same lottery numbers who are available will receive induction notices at nearly the same time.

It was recommended that young men be afforded a judicial review of appeals to local and state boards in classification matters. The new law provides a realistic move in this direction, permitting a young man appealing his classification to bring witnesses and present his appeal to a quorum of the board. The young man also is allowed now to make a personal appearance before the Senate and Presidential appeal boards. Further, a registrant can require a board to give him a written explanation of its denial of his claim.

Among our advisers were conscientious objectors who believed that they should be provided an opportunity to work in

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