HOUSE BILL No. 5009

July 17, 2003, Introduced by Reps. Hoogendyk, Lipsey and Wenke and referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security.

A bill to amend 1953 PA 192, entitled

"An act to create a county department of veterans' affairs in certain counties, and to prescribe its powers and duties; and to transfer the powers and duties of the soldiers' relief commission in such counties,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 35.621), as amended by 1996 PA 108.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. The county board of commissioners may create a 2 county department of veterans' affairs. The department shall be under the administration of a committee of 3 to 5 veterans, 3 4 appointed by the county board of commissioners, who shall be residents of the county and who have served honorably on active 5 duty in the United States armed forces - as volunteers or regulars 6 or women marines, or who served actively in the United States 7 8 armed forces in a war - in which the United States has been, is, 9 or may hereafter be a participant as defined in title 38 of the 10 U.S.C. 101 to 8528, including the conflict United States code, 20

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1 in Vietnam, or received an armed forces campaign or service 2 medal, to be appointed upon the recommendation of the posts of each chartered veterans' organization within the county. If an 3 opening on a committee of veterans occurs, the county board of 4 5 commissioners shall provide notice of that opening to 1 or more newspapers within the county and to veteran service organizations 6 7 within the county. Not more than -1 member- 2 members shall be representative of a single war or conflict. Notwithstanding the 8 provisions of any law of this state to the contrary, a member of 9 the board of commissioners of a county shall be eligible for 10 appointment. Members appointed by the board of commissioners 11 12 shall be appointed for a term of 4 years each. However, the terms for members first appointed shall be staggered so that not 13 more than 2 vacancies are scheduled to occur in a single year. 14 15 Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original 16 appointments for the unexpired terms.

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