

HOUSE BILL No. 4596

April 18, 2013, Introduced by Reps. Singh and Schor and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs.

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 2012 PA 235.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) The county board of commissioners may create a
2 county department of veterans' affairs. The **COUNTY** department **OF**
3 **VETERANS' AFFAIRS** shall be under the administration of a committee
4 of 3 to 5 veterans, appointed by the county board of commissioners,
5 ~~who~~ **UPON RECOMMENDATION OF RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OR VETERANS'**
6 **SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY.**

7 (2) **COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPOINTED UNDER SUBSECTION (1)** shall be
8 residents of the county and ~~who have served~~ **MEET 1 OR MORE OF THE**

1 **FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:**

2 (A) **SERVED** honorably on active duty in the United States armed
3 forces. ~~or who have served~~

4 (B) **SERVED** actively in the United States armed forces in a
5 war. ~~or received~~

6 (C) **RECEIVED** an armed forces campaign or service medal. ~~to~~
7 ~~be appointed upon the recommendation of the posts of each chartered~~
8 ~~veterans' organization within the county.~~

9 (3) Each **COMMITTEE** member appointed **UNDER SUBSECTION (1)** shall
10 have demonstrated knowledge, skills, and experience in public
11 ~~service, HEALTH,~~ business, or finance.

12 (4) If an opening on a **VETERANS** committee ~~of veterans~~ occurs,
13 the county board of commissioners shall provide notice of that
14 opening to 1 or more newspapers within the county and to veteran
15 service organizations within the county.

16 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of any law ~~of this state~~ to
17 the contrary, a member of the board of commissioners of a county
18 ~~shall be~~ **IS** eligible for appointment **UNDER SUBSECTION (1)**. ~~Members~~

19 (6) **COMMITTEE MEMBERS** appointed by the **COUNTY** board of
20 commissioners **UNDER SUBSECTION (1)** shall be appointed for a term of
21 4 years each. However, the terms for **COMMITTEE** members first
22 appointed shall be staggered so that not more than 2 vacancies are
23 scheduled to occur in a single year. Vacancies shall be filled in
24 the same manner as original appointments for the unexpired terms.