

# 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:**

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1       Sec. 1. The county board of commissioners may create a  
2 county department of veterans' affairs. The department shall be  
3 under the administration of a committee of 3 to 5 veterans,  
4 appointed by the county board of commissioners, who shall be  
5 residents of the county and who have served honorably on active  
6 duty in the **United States** armed forces ~~as volunteers or regulars~~  
7 ~~or women marines,~~ or who served actively **in the United States**  
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 ~~United States code, 38 U.S.C. 101 to 8528, including the conflict~~

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