



SENATE BILL No. 543

June 30, 2011, Introduced by Senators BRANDENBURG, ROCCA, MOOLENAAR, PAPPAGEORGE, EMMONS, KOWALL, GREGORY, ANDERSON, HUNTER, SMITH, ROBERTSON, CASPERSON, GREEN, COLBECK, JONES, HANSEN, HUNE, BIEDA, PROOS, WARREN, KAHN, SCHUITMAKER, NOFS, BOOHER, HOPGOOD, PAVLOV, CASWELL, MEEKHOF and MARLEAU and referred to the Committee on Veterans, Military 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 2004 PA 11.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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1 Sec. 1. The county board of commissioners may create a county
2 department of veterans' affairs. The department shall be under the
3 administration of a committee of 3 to 5 veterans, appointed by the
4 county board of commissioners, who shall be residents of the county
5 and who have served honorably on active duty in the United States
6 armed forces or who served actively in the United States armed
7 forces in a war or received an armed forces campaign or service
8 medal, to be appointed upon the recommendation of the posts of each

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1 chartered veterans' organization within the county. **[EACH MEMBER**
2 **APPOINTED SHALL HAVE DEMONSTRATED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND EXPERIENCE**
3 **IN PUBLIC SERVICE, BUSINESS, OR FINANCE.]** If an opening
4 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 2 members shall be representative~~
8 ~~of a single war or conflict.~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of any
9 law of this state to the contrary, a member of the board of
10 commissioners of a county shall be eligible for appointment.
11 Members appointed by the board of commissioners shall be appointed
12 for a term of 4 years each. However, the terms for members first
13 appointed shall be staggered so that not more than 2 vacancies are
scheduled to occur in a single year. Vacancies shall be filled in
the same manner as original appointments for the unexpired terms.