

HOUSE BILL No. 4970

October 13, 2015, Introduced by Reps. Singh, Cochran, Schor, Rutledge and Jenkins 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 ~~5-7~~ veterans, appointed by the county board of
5 commissioners. ~~who~~ **MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE** shall be
6 residents of the county and ~~who have served~~ **SHALL MEET 1 OR MORE OF**
7 **THE FOLLOWING:**

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

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

3 **(C) RECEIVED** an armed forces campaign or service medal.

4 **(2) COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED UNDER SUBSECTION (1),**
5 **AS FOLLOWS:**

6 **(A) AT LEAST 1 MEMBER SHALL REPRESENT EACH CONGRESSIONALLY**
7 **CHARTERED VETERANS' ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE COUNTY,** to be appointed
8 upon the recommendation of the posts of each chartered veterans'
9 organization within the county.

10 **(B) AT LEAST 1 MEMBER SHALL BE AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER WHO IS**
11 **NOT A MEMBER OF A CONGRESSIONALLY CHARTERED VETERANS' ORGANIZATION**
12 **WITHIN THE COUNTY.**

13 **(3) Each COMMITTEE member appointed UNDER THIS SECTION shall**
14 **have demonstrated knowledge, skills, and experience in public**
15 **service, business, or finance.**

16 **(4) If an opening on a committee of veterans occurs, the**
17 **county board of commissioners shall provide notice of that opening**
18 **to 1 or more newspapers within the county and to veteran service**
19 **organizations within the county.**

20 **(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of any law ~~of this state to~~**
21 **the contrary, a member of the COUNTY board of commissioners of a**
22 **county shall be IS eligible for appointment UNDER THIS SECTION.**

23 ~~Members~~

24 **(6) COMMITTEE MEMBERS** appointed by the **COUNTY** board of
25 commissioners **UNDER THIS SECTION** shall be appointed for a term of 4
26 years each. However, the terms for **COMMITTEE** members first
27 appointed shall be staggered so that not more than 2 vacancies are

1 scheduled to occur in a single year. Vacancies shall be filled in
2 the same manner as original appointments for the unexpired terms.

3 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
4 after the date it is enacted into law.