

(124th General Assembly)
(House Bill Number 10)

AN ACT

To amend section 5901.02 of the Revised Code to include the Korean War Veterans Association among the organizations that may recommend persons to be appointed to a county Veterans Service Commission.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That section 5901.02 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 5901.02. In each county there shall be a commission known as "the veterans service commission" composed of five persons. Those persons shall be residents of the county and shall be appointed to five-year terms by a judge of the court of common pleas. At the time of appointment or reappointment to the commission, no commission member shall be an employee of the commission or hold an elective or other appointive office of the county served by the commission.

Each member of the commission shall be an honorably discharged or honorably separated veteran. Within sixty days after the date of appointment, each member of the commission shall file the member's form DD214 with the governor's office of veterans affairs in accordance with guidelines established by the director of that office. Appointments to the commission shall be made from lists of recommended persons, in the manner specified in the following paragraph. One person shall be a representative recommended by the American Legion; one person shall be a representative recommended by the Veterans of Foreign Wars; one person shall be a representative recommended by the Disabled American Veterans; one person shall be a representative recommended by the AMVETS; and one person shall be a representative recommended by the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A. ~~or~~ the Vietnam Veterans of America, or the Korean War Veterans Association. If any such organization has no post or chapter located in the county, the appointment shall be made from lists of recommended persons submitted by posts or chapters of any other congressionally chartered veterans organizations located in the county. If no such other organizations have posts or chapters located in the county, the judge described in the following paragraph may appoint any qualified veteran to represent the veteran community.

On or before the fifteenth day of October of each year, the judge of the court of common pleas who is responsible for making appointments to the commission shall notify each post or chapter, of each organization within the county from which the member may or must be appointed that it may submit a list containing three recommendations of persons who are eligible for appointment. If the judge does not receive any recommendations within sixty days after providing the required notification, the judge may appoint any qualified veteran to represent the veteran community. The judge shall make the appointment on or before the fifteenth day of January of each year. Vacancies occurring on the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

Beginning in the year 2000, appointments to the commission shall be made as follows:

(A) Appointments for members to represent the American Legion shall be made for terms to commence in years ending in zero and five.

(B) Appointments for members to represent the Veterans of Foreign Wars shall be made for terms to commence in years ending in one and six.

(C) Appointments for members to represent the Disabled American Veterans shall be made for terms to commence in years ending in two and seven.

(D) Appointments for members to represent the AMVETS shall be made for terms to commence in years ending in three and eight.

(E) Appointments for members to represent the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A. ~~or~~ the Vietnam Veterans of America, or the Korean War Veterans Association shall be made for terms to commence in years ending in four and nine.

The terms immediately preceding the initial appointments made under divisions (A) to (E) of this section may be for periods of less than five years.

Section 2. That existing section 5901.02 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

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Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

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The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

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Secretary of State.

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