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To amend section 5901.02 of the Revised Code to 1
include the Korean War Veterans Association among 2
the organizations that may recommend persons to be 3
appointed to a county Veterans Service Commission. 4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 5901.02 of the Revised Code be 5
amended to read as follows: 6

Sec. 5901.02. In each county there shall be a commission 7
known as "the veterans service commission" composed of five 8
persons. Those persons shall be residents of the county and shall 9
be appointed to five-year terms by a judge of the court of common 10
pleas. At the time of appointment or reappointment to the 11
commission, no commission member shall be an employee of the 12
commission or hold an elective or other appointive office of the 13
county served by the commission. 14

Each member of the commission shall be an honorably 15
discharged or honorably separated veteran. Within sixty days after 16
the date of appointment, each member of the commission shall file 17

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.

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Beginning in the year 2000, appointments to the commission 50
shall be made as follows: 51

(A) Appointments for members to represent the American Legion 52
shall be made for terms to commence in years ending in zero and 53
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(B) Appointments for members to represent the Veterans of 55
Foreign Wars shall be made for terms to commence in years ending 56
in one and six. 57

(C) Appointments for members to represent the Disabled 58
American Veterans shall be made for terms to commence in years 59
ending in two and seven. 60

(D) Appointments for members to represent the AMVETS shall be 61
made for terms to commence in years ending in three and eight. 62

(E) Appointments for members to represent the Military Order 63
of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A. ~~or~~ the Vietnam Veterans of 64
America, or the Korean War Veterans Association shall be made for 65
terms to commence in years ending in four and nine. 66

The terms immediately preceding the initial appointments made 67
under divisions (A) to (E) of this section may be for periods of 68
less than five years. 69

Section 2. That existing section 5901.02 of the Revised Code 70
is hereby repealed. 71