

**As Reported by the Senate State and Local Government and
Veterans Affairs Committee**

**124th General Assembly
Regular Session
2001-2002**

H. B. No. 10

**REPRESENTATIVES Hartnett, Webster, D. Miller, Flowers, Sullivan, DePiero,
Redfern, Allen, Aslanides, Jerse, R. Miller, Krupinski, Bocchieri, Grendell,
Cirelli, Kearns, Ford, Distel, Ogg, Williams, Seitz, Hollister, Barrett, Otterman,
Sulzer, Latell, Schuring, Schneider, Willamowski, Lendrum, White, Manning,
Schaffer, Stapleton, Hoops, Coates, Hughes, Jolivette, G. Smith, Carmichael,
Reidelbach, Cates, Young, Latta, Blasdel, Setzer, Clancy, Niehaus,
Damschroder, Carey, Reinhard, Schmidt, Patton, Hagan, Barnes, Key, Perry,
Metelsky, Womer Benjamin, Kilbane, Driehaus, Seaver, Salerno, Widowfield,
Beatty, Woodard, Fessler, Roman, Faber, Peterson, Core, Calvert, Olman,
Oakar, Britton, Carano, Sferra, Jones, Evans
SENATORS Spada, McLin**

A B I L L

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

As Reported by the Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs

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

As Reported by the Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs

or must be appointed that it may submit a list containing three 42
recommendations of persons who are eligible for appointment. If 43
the judge does not receive any recommendations within sixty days 44
after providing the required notification, the judge may appoint 45
any qualified veteran to represent the veteran community. The 46
judge shall make the appointment on or before the fifteenth day of 47
January of each year. Vacancies occurring on the commission shall 48
be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. 49

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
five. 54

(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