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Bill Analysis
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Reps. Huffman, Zehringer, Stebelton, Evans, J. McGregor, Goodwin, Setzer, Seitz, Aslanides, Combs, Domenick, Fessler, Newcomb, J. Otterman, Reinhard, Ujvagi, Widowfield

BILL SUMMARY

- Modifies the number of members of a veterans memorial board of trustees.
- Modifies the number of members of a veterans memorial board of trustees who must be honorably discharged veterans of the United States armed forces.
- Removes membership requirements based on wartime military service and limitations regarding political affiliation.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Current law provides that, within five days after certification to the taxing authority of the result of an election, or within five days after the adoption of an ordinance or resolution, authorizing financing for the purpose of establishing a memorial to commemorate the services of members and veterans of the United States armed forces, the mayor of the municipal corporation or the taxing authority of the township or county is to appoint an 11-member board of trustees. At least seven members of the board must be honorably discharged veterans of the United States armed forces who have served in one or more wars in which the United States was a belligerent. Not more than six members can be from the same political party. Five initially appointed members serve three-year terms, and six initially appointed members serve five-year terms. Upon the expiration of original terms, appointments are for five-year terms. Vacancies are filled for the remainder of the unexpired term. (R.C. 345.01 to 345.05, and 345.08.)

The bill changes the number of members to be appointed to the board of trustees to not less than five nor more than eleven, and requires that a majority of

the members be honorably discharged veterans of the United States armed forces. The bill removes the requirement that members also must have served in a war, as well as the requirement limiting the number of board members from the same political party. Finally, the bill changes the number of trustees initially appointed to three-year terms from five to a majority of the members, with the remaining members initially appointed for five-year terms. (R.C. 345.08.)

HISTORY

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