

HOUSE BILL NO. 5736

February 15, 2022, Introduced by Reps. Howell and Calley and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance.

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; to create the county veteran service fund and to provide for contributions to and expenditures from that fund; and to transfer the powers and duties of the soldiers' relief commission in those counties,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 35.621), as amended by 2016 PA 420.

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~~ **must** be ~~under the administration of~~

1 **administered by** a committee of 3 to 7 veterans, appointed by the
2 county board of commissioners. Members appointed to the committee
3 ~~shall~~**must** be residents of the county who have served honorably on
4 active duty in the United States Armed Forces.

5 (2) Committee members appointed under subsection (1) ~~shall~~
6 **must** include the following:

7 (a) At least 1 member representing a congressionally chartered
8 veterans' organization within the county, to be appointed upon the
9 recommendation of the posts of each chartered veterans'
10 organization within the county.

11 (b) At least 1 independent member who may ~~or may not~~ be a
12 member of a congressionally chartered veterans' organization within
13 the county.

14 (3) Each committee member appointed under this section ~~shall~~
15 **must** have demonstrated knowledge, skills, and experience in public
16 service, business, or finance.

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

21 ~~(4) (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the~~
22 ~~contrary,~~ a member of the county board of commissioners of a county
23 is eligible for appointment under this section.

24 ~~(5) (6) Committee members appointed by the county board of~~
25 ~~commissioners under this section shall~~**must** be appointed for a term
26 of 4 years each. ~~However, the~~**The** terms for committee members first
27 appointed ~~shall~~**must** be staggered so that not more than 2 vacancies
28 are scheduled to occur in a single year. Vacancies ~~shall~~**must** be
29 filled in the same manner as original appointments for the

1 unexpired terms.