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A BILL

To amend section 5901.02 of the Revised Code to
modify qualifications for appointment 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. (A) In each county there shall be a
commission known as "the veterans service commission." Except as
provided in section 5901.021 of the Revised Code, the commission
shall be composed of five residents of the county 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 appointed under this section shall be an
employee of the commission, the spouse of a member or employee
of the commission, or hold an elective or other appointive
office of the county served by the commission.

~~Each~~ (B) Except as provided under division (C) of this
section, each member of the commission appointed under this
section shall be an honorably discharged or honorably separated



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veteran. Within sixty days after the date of appointment, each 19
such member shall file the member's form DD214 with the 20
department of veterans services in accordance with guidelines 21
established by the director of that department. Such 22
appointments shall be made from lists of recommended persons, in 23
the manner specified in the following paragraph. One person 24
shall be a representative recommended by the American Legion; 25
one person shall be a representative recommended by the Veterans 26
of Foreign Wars; one person shall be a representative 27
recommended by the Disabled American Veterans; one person shall 28
be a representative recommended by the AMVETS; and one person 29
shall be a representative recommended by the Military Order of 30
the Purple Heart of the U.S.A., the Vietnam Veterans of America, 31
~~or the Korean War Veterans Association,~~ or a veteran who served 32
in operation enduring freedom or operation Iraqi freedom, or who 33
served subsequently in those theaters of operation, who may be a 34
current member of the reserve or national guard. If any such 35
organization has no post or chapter located in the county, the 36
appointment shall be made from lists of recommended persons 37
submitted by posts or chapters of any other congressionally 38
chartered veterans organizations located in the county. If no 39
such other organizations have posts or chapters located in the 40
county, the judge responsible for making appointments under this 41
section may appoint any qualified veteran, or a military spouse 42
who meets the requirements of division (E) of this section, to 43
represent the veteran community. 44

(C) On or before the fifteenth day of October of each 45
year, the appointing judge shall notify each post or chapter of 46
each organization within the county from which the member may or 47
must be appointed that it may submit a list containing three 48
recommendations of persons who are eligible for appointment. If 49

the judge does not receive any recommendations within sixty days 50
after providing the required notification, the judge may appoint 51
any qualified veteran, or a military spouse who meets the 52
requirements of division (E) of this section, to represent the 53
veteran community. The judge shall make the appointment on or 54
before the fifteenth day of January of each year. Any vacancy in 55
a membership appointed under this section shall be filled in the 56
same manner as the original appointments. 57

~~Beginning in the year 2000, appointment (D)~~ Appointment of 58
members to the commission under this section shall be made as 59
follows: 60

~~(A)~~ (1) Appointments for members to represent the American 61
Legion shall be made for terms to commence in years ending in 62
zero and five. 63

~~(B)~~ (2) Appointments for members to represent the Veterans 64
of Foreign Wars shall be made for terms to commence in years 65
ending in one and six. 66

~~(C)~~ (3) Appointments for members to represent the Disabled 67
American Veterans shall be made for terms to commence in years 68
ending in two and seven. 69

~~(D)~~ (4) Appointments for members to represent the AMVETS 70
shall be made for terms to commence in years ending in three and 71
eight. 72

~~(E)~~ (5) Appointments for members to represent the Military 73
Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A., the Vietnam Veterans of 74
America, ~~or~~ the Korean War Veterans Association, or a veteran 75
who served in operation enduring freedom or operation Iraqi 76
freedom, or who served subsequently in those theaters of 77
operation, who may be a current member of the reserve or 78

national guard, shall be made for terms to commence in years 79
ending in four and nine. 80

~~The terms immediately preceding the initial appointments~~ 81
~~made under divisions (A) to (E) of this section may be for~~ 82
~~periods of less than five years.~~ 83

The appointing authority shall remove a member who fails 84
to maintain certification or whose certification is revoked by 85
the director of veterans services. 86

(E) A military spouse appointed under this section shall 87
be the spouse of an active service member or of a veteran, whose 88
service began on or after September 11, 2001, and also shall be 89
a member of a congressionally chartered veterans organization. 90

Section 2. That existing section 5901.02 of the Revised 91
Code is hereby repealed. 92