



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 192 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Reps. Miller and Anielski

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Permits adding members to county veterans service commissions

State & Local Fiscal Highlights

- The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state.
- The bill permits a county veterans service commission to create two additional memberships on the commission. The total cost of adding two members could range anywhere from \$4,000 to \$40,000 annually (salary, reimbursables, and possible fringe benefits).
- A court of common pleas may incur an occasional, minimal at most, one-time cost to comply with the requirement that certain notifications be made regarding appointments for the additional positions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

This bill permits county veterans service commissions to add two specified members to the commission, thus expanding the number of commissioners from five to seven. Current law also permits, under certain circumstances, counties having a population of more than 500,000 to create up to an additional six members.¹ Regarding the appointment of the two additional members, otherwise qualified individuals may be appointed on an interim basis under certain specific circumstances until a member who meets the qualifications set forth in the bill becomes available and is appointed to serve the remainder of the term.

Under current law, members are entitled to compensation for their services and allowed reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The annual salary for a veterans service commissioner ranges from around \$1,200 to \$12,000. Typically, less populated, rural counties are on the lower end of this range and more highly populated, urban counties are on the higher end of this range. If one were to add in reimbursables and the possibility of fringe benefits, the total cost of adding one

¹ Counties having populations of more than 500,000 include Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Summit.

member could range anywhere from \$2,000 to \$20,000 annually. Adding two members as permitted by the bill doubles that range (\$4,000 to \$40,000 annually).

If the commission elects to create the additional memberships, the appointing judge would generally follow the same process for the appointment of commission members under continuing law with the addition of further notification requirements, namely a public notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the county and a posting in public libraries of the county. Also, instructions on how to submit a request to the appointing judge must be included in these notifications. Additional costs to comply with notification requirements depend on the advertising rate and the length of time the notice is published in a newspaper. The fiscal effect for a court of common pleas will be an occasional, minimal at most, one-time cost to comply with these additional notification requirements.

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