

# HOUSE BILL No. 5252

October 14, 1991, Introduced by Reps. Walberg, DeMars, Robertson, Trim, Bennett, Weeks and Nye and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs.

A bill to amend section 1 of Act No. 192 of the Public Acts of 1953, entitled

"An act to create a county department of veterans' affairs in certain counties, and to prescribe its powers and duties; and to transfer the powers and duties of the soldiers' relief commission in such counties,"

being section 35.621 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Section 1. Section 1 of Act No. 192 of the Public Acts of  
2 1953, being section 35.621 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4       Sec. 1. (1) The county board of commissioners may create a  
5 county department of veterans' affairs ~~— The department shall~~  
6 ~~be under the administration of~~ THAT SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY a  
7 committee of 4 veterans ~~—~~ appointed by the county board of  
8 commissioners ~~— who~~ UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE POSTS OF

1 EACH CHARTERED VETERANS' ORGANIZATION WITHIN THAT COUNTY. EACH  
2 VETERAN APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE shall be ~~residents~~ A  
3 RESIDENT of the county ~~and~~ who ~~have~~ HAS served honorably on  
4 active duty in the armed forces ~~, volunteers or regulars or~~  
5 ~~women marines, who served actively~~ in a war OR CONFLICT in which  
6 the United States has been ~~, is, or may hereafter be~~ OR IS a  
7 participant as defined in title 38 of the United States code, 38  
8 U.S.C. 101 TO 8528. ~~including the conflict in Vietnam, + of whom~~  
9 ~~shall have served in World War I, + of whom shall have served in~~  
10 ~~World War II, + of whom shall have served in the Korean War, and~~  
11 ~~+ of whom shall have served during the conflict in Vietnam, to be~~  
12 ~~appointed upon the recommendation of the posts of each chartered~~  
13 ~~veterans' organization within the county. If a World War I vet-~~  
14 ~~eran cannot be located who is willing to serve, a veteran of any~~  
15 ~~war may be appointed to serve on the committee. Notwithstanding~~  
16 ~~the provisions of any law of this state to the contrary, a~~ THE  
17 COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL USE ITS BEST EFFORTS TO  
18 ENSURE THAT MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE VETERANS OF DIFFERING  
19 WARS OR CONFLICTS. COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF  
20 THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT REQUIRED COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO BE  
21 APPOINTED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF CHARTERED VETERANS' ORGANI-  
22 ZATIONS MAY COMPLETE THEIR TERMS AND MAY BE REAPPOINTED. A  
23 member of the board of commissioners of a county ~~shall be~~ IS  
24 eligible ~~for appointment~~ TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE. ~~Members~~  
25 ~~appointed by~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), the board of  
26 commissioners shall ~~be appointed for~~ APPOINT EACH COMMITTEE  
27 MEMBER TO SERVE a term of 4 years. ~~each.~~

1 (2) Of the members first appointed TO SERVE ON THE  
2 COMMITTEE, 1 shall be appointed for a term of 1 year, 1 for a  
3 term of 2 years, 1 for a term of 3 years and 1 for a term of 4  
4 years. ~~Vacancies~~ A VACANCY shall be filled in the same manner  
5 as AN original ~~appointments~~ APPOINTMENT for the unexpired  
6 ~~terms~~ TERM.