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Senate Bill 750 (as introduced 9-6-07)
Sponsor: Senator Raymond E. Basham
Committee: Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Public Act 205 of 1897, which gives veterans a preference for public appointment or employment, to delete a requirement that a veteran applicant be a resident of the county in which the office or position is located for at least one year.

The Act provides that, in every public department and upon the public works of the State, and of every county and municipal corporation of the State, an honorably discharged veteran must be preferred for appointment and employment. The Act specifies that age, loss of limb, or other physical impairment that does not incapacitate does not disqualify the veteran. In addition, if it is necessary to fill a vacancy in an elective office by appointment, the appointment is within the Act. The Act requires an applicant to be of good moral character and have been a resident of Michigan for at least two years, and of the county in which the office or position is located for at least one year. The bill would delete the county residency requirement.

Under the Act, "veteran" means that term as defined in Public Act 190 of 1965, i.e., a person who served in the active military forces, during a period of war or who received the armed forces expeditionary or other campaign service medal during an emergency condition and who was discharged or released under honorable conditions.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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