

HOUSE BILL No. 5763

September 9, 2014, Introduced by Rep. Franz and referred to the Committee on Local Government.

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; and to transfer the powers and duties of the soldiers' relief commission in such counties,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 35.621), as amended by 2012 PA 235.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. The county board of commissioners may create a county
2 department of veterans' affairs. The department shall be under the
3 administration of a committee of 3 to 5 veterans, appointed by the
4 county board of commissioners, who shall be residents of the county
5 and who have served honorably on active duty in the United States
6 armed forces or who served actively in the United States armed
7 forces in a war or received an armed forces campaign or service
8 medal, to be appointed upon the recommendation of the posts of each
9 chartered veterans' organization within the county. Each member

1 appointed shall have demonstrated knowledge, skills, and experience
2 in public service, business, or finance. ~~If~~**BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015,**
3 **IF** an opening on a committee of veterans occurs, the county board
4 of commissioners shall provide notice of that opening to 1 or more
5 newspapers within the county and to veteran service organizations
6 within the county. **BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2015, IF AN OPENING ON A**
7 **COMMITTEE OF VETERANS OCCURS, THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
8 **SHALL PROVIDE TIER C PUBLIC NOTICE OF THAT OPENING AS SET FORTH IN**
9 **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PUBLIC NOTICE ACT AND SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE OF**
10 **THAT OPENING TO VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY.**

11 Notwithstanding the provisions of any law of this state to the
12 contrary, a member of the board of commissioners of a county shall
13 be eligible for appointment. Members appointed by the board of
14 commissioners shall be appointed for a term of 4 years each.
15 However, the terms for members first appointed shall be staggered
16 so that not more than 2 vacancies are scheduled to occur in a
17 single year. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as
18 original appointments for the unexpired terms.

19 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
20 unless Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 5560 (request no.
21 03796'13) of the 97th Legislature is enacted into law.