

HOUSE BILL NO. 6336

November 12, 2020, Introduced by Rep. Steven Johnson and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

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; to create the county veteran service fund and to provide for contributions to and expenditures from that fund; and to transfer the powers and duties of the soldiers' relief commission in those counties,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 35.621), as amended by 2016 PA 420.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. (1) The county board of commissioners may create a
- 2 county department of veterans' affairs. The county department of

1 veterans' affairs ~~shall be under the administration of~~ **is**
2 **administered by** a committee of 3 to 7 veterans, appointed by the
3 county board of commissioners. Members appointed to the committee
4 ~~shall~~ **must** be residents of the county who have served honorably on
5 active duty in the United States Armed Forces.

6 (2) Committee members appointed under subsection (1) ~~shall~~
7 **must** include the following:

8 (a) At least 1 member representing a congressionally chartered
9 veterans' organization within the county, to be appointed upon the
10 recommendation of the posts of each chartered veterans'
11 organization within the county.

12 (b) At least 1 independent member who may or may not be a
13 member of a congressionally chartered veterans' organization within
14 the county.

15 (3) ~~Each~~ **A** committee member appointed under this section ~~shall~~
16 **must** have demonstrated knowledge, skills, and experience in public
17 service, business, or finance.

18 (4) ~~If~~ **Before January 1, 2022, if** an opening on a committee of
19 veterans occurs, the county board of commissioners shall provide
20 notice of that opening to 1 or more newspapers within the county
21 and to veteran service organizations within the county. **Beginning**
22 **January 1, 2022, if an opening on a committee of veterans occurs,**
23 **the county board of commissioners shall provide public notice of**
24 **that opening as provided in the local government public notice act**
25 **and shall provide notice of that opening to veteran service**
26 **organizations within the county.**

27 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary,
28 a member of the county board of commissioners of a county is
29 eligible for appointment under this section.

1 (6) Committee members appointed by the county board of
2 commissioners under this section ~~shall~~**must** be appointed for a term
3 of 4 years each. ~~However, the~~**The** terms for committee members first
4 appointed ~~shall~~**must** be staggered so that not more than 2 vacancies
5 are scheduled to occur in a single year. Vacancies ~~shall~~**must** be
6 filled **for the remainder of the unexpired term and** in the same
7 manner as **the** original ~~appointments for the unexpired~~
8 ~~terms.~~**appointment.**

9 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
10 unless Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No. 6440 (request no.
11 02449'19) of the 100th Legislature is enacted into law.