

Counties; boards and commissions; membership on the county committee of veterans' affairs; revise.

COUNTIES: Boards and commissions; VETERANS:

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 1996 PA 108.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. The county board of commissioners may create a
2 county department of veterans' affairs. The department shall be
3 under the administration of a committee of 3 to 5 veterans,
4 appointed by the county board of commissioners, who shall be res-
5 idents of the county and who have served honorably on active duty
6 in the UNITED STATES armed forces ~~as volunteers or regulars or~~
7 ~~women marines,~~ or who served actively IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED
8 FORCES in a war ~~in which the United States has been, is, or may~~
9 ~~hereafter be a participant as defined in title 38 of the United~~

1 ~~States code, 38 U.S.C. 101 to 8528, including the conflict in~~
2 ~~Vietnam,~~ OR RECEIVED AN ARMED FORCES CAMPAIGN OR SERVICE MEDAL,
3 to be appointed upon the recommendation of the posts of each
4 chartered veterans' organization within the county. If an open-
5 ing on a committee of veterans occurs, the county board of com-
6 missioners shall provide notice of that opening to 1 or more
7 newspapers within the county and to veteran service organizations
8 within the county. Not more than ~~1 member~~ 2 MEMBERS shall be
9 representative of a single war or conflict. Notwithstanding the
10 provisions of any law of this state to the contrary, a member of
11 the board of commissioners of a county shall be eligible for
12 appointment. Members appointed by the board of commissioners
13 shall be appointed for a term of 4 years each. However, the
14 terms for members first appointed shall be staggered so that not
15 more than 2 vacancies are scheduled to occur in a single year.
16 Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appoint-
17 ments for the unexpired terms.