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BILL SUMMARY

- Permits the Korean War Veterans Association to recommend persons to be appointed to a county veterans service commission and requires that one member of the commission be appointed to represent that Association, the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A., or the Vietnam Veterans of America.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Veterans service commission appointments

Existing law

Existing law requires each county to create a five-person commission known as the veterans service commission. The members of the commission must be honorably discharged or honorably separated veterans, be residents of the county, and be appointed to five-year terms by a judge of the court of common pleas. At the time of appointment or reappointment to the commission, a commission member must not be an employee of the commission or hold an elective or other appointive office of the county served by the commission.

Appointments to the commission must be made from lists of recommended persons, in the following manner: one person must be a representative recommended by the American Legion; one person must be a representative recommended by the Veterans of Foreign Wars; one person must be a representative recommended by the Disabled American Veterans; one person must be a representative recommended by the AMVETS; and one person must be a representative recommended by the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A. or the Vietnam Veterans of America. If there is no post or chapter of any of those organizations located in the county, the appointment must be made from lists of recommended persons submitted by posts or chapters of any other congressionally chartered veterans organizations located in the county. If there are no other congressionally chartered veterans organizations with posts or chapters in the county, the judge of the court of common pleas who is responsible for making appointments to the commission may appoint any qualified veteran to represent the veteran community. (R.C. 5901.02.)

Changes proposed by the bill

The bill requires that the fifth member of a county veterans service commission be a person recommended by the Korean War Veterans Association (added by the bill) or by the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A. or the Vietnam Veterans of America (existing law). Therefore, the Korean War Veterans Association may recommend persons to be appointed to a veterans service commission, but the bill does not require that one member of the commission be a person recommended by the Korean War Veterans Association. The judge must choose a person recommended by one of these three veterans organizations. (R.C. 5901.02.)

Veterans service commission terms

Existing law

Existing law requires that, on or before October 15 of each year, the judge of the court of common pleas who is responsible for making appointments to the commission notify each post or chapter of each organization from which a member may or must be appointed that it may submit a list containing three recommendations of persons who are eligible for appointment. If the judge does not receive any recommendations within 60 days after providing the required notification, the judge may appoint any qualified veteran to represent the veteran community. The judge must make the appointment on or before January 15 of each year. Vacancies occurring on the commission must be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.

Beginning in the year 2000, appointments to the commission must be made as follows: (1) appointments for members to represent the American Legion must be made for terms to commence in years ending in zero and five, (2) appointments for members to represent the Veterans of Foreign Wars must be made for terms to commence in years ending in one and six, (3) appointments for members to represent the Disabled American Veterans must be made for terms to commence in years ending in two and seven, (4) appointments for members to represent the AMVETS must be made for terms to commence in years ending in three and eight, and (5) appointments for members to represent the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A. or the Vietnam Veterans of America must be made for terms to commence in years ending in four and nine. (R.C. 5901.02(A) to (E).)

Changes proposed by the bill

The bill requires the appointments to the commission for members who represent the Korean War Veterans Association (or the Military Order of the Purple Heart or the Vietnam Veterans of America) to be made for terms to commence in years ending in four and nine (R.C. 5901.02(E)).

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