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Bill Analysis
Legislative Service Commission

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Eliminates the authority existing in certain counties for a board of county commissioners to add additional members to the veterans service commission when the commission's budget request exceeds specified thresholds.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Existing law

Existing law creates a veterans service commission in each county. Generally, the commission consists of five honorably discharged or honorably separated veterans who are county residents and appointed for five-year terms by a judge of the court of common pleas from specified veterans' organizations (R.C. 5901.02). In addition, Am. Sub. S.B. 261 of the 124th General Assembly authorized the board of county commissioners in counties having a population of more than 400,000 (increased to 500,000 by Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th General Assembly) to appoint up to six additional members if the veterans service commission's budget request for the next fiscal year exceeds one of two thresholds. The first threshold is 25/1000 of 1% of the assessed value of property in the county (equivalent to 0.25 mills, which is one-half of the maximum levy allowed to be made by the board of county commissioners for the commission's budget under current law (R.C. 5901.11, not in the bill)). The second threshold is 110% of the amount appropriated to the commission from the county general fund for the current fiscal year. If the commission's budget request exceeds either of these amounts, the board may appoint up to six new members, who must be residents of the county and honorably discharged or separated veterans, for terms not exceeding five years. (R.C. 5901.021.)

The bill

The bill eliminates the authority to add additional members to a veterans service commission was enacted by Am. Sub. S.B. 261 of the 124th General Assembly and is described above (R.C. 5901.021 and Section 35 of Am. Sub. S.B. 261 of the 124th General Assembly). The bill provides that additional members who are currently serving on a commission pursuant to the law that is being repealed will continue to serve until their term expires, or until a vacancy occurs. At that time, the bill prohibits filling the vacancy (R.C. 5901.02(A)(4)).

HISTORY

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