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STATE GOVERNMENT

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring county commissions of veteran affairs to employ
2 an executive director.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 35B.6, subsection 1, Code 2005, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. a. The members of the commission shall qualify by
4 taking the usual oath of office, and give bond in the sum of
5 five hundred dollars each, conditioned for the faithful
6 discharge of their duties with sureties to be approved by the
7 county auditor. The commission shall organize by the
8 selection of one of their members as chairperson, and one as
9 secretary. The commission, subject to the approval of the
10 board of supervisors, shall ~~have power to~~ employ an executive
11 director and other necessary administrative or clerical
12 assistants when needed, the compensation of such employees to
13 be fixed by the board of supervisors, but no member of the
14 commission shall be so employed. The executive director must
15 possess the same qualifications as provided in section 35B.3
16 for commission members. However, this qualification
17 requirement shall not apply to a person employed as an
18 executive director prior to July 1, 1989.

19 b. Upon the employment of an executive director, the
20 executive director shall complete a course of initial training
21 provided by the commission of veterans affairs pursuant to
22 section 35A.3. ~~If an executive director is not appointed, a~~
23 ~~commissioner or a clerical assistant shall complete the course~~
24 ~~of training.~~ The commission shall issue the executive
25 director, ~~commissioner, or clerical assistant~~ a certificate of
26 training after completion of the initial training course. To
27 maintain annual certification, the executive director,
28 ~~commissioner, or clerical assistant~~ shall attend one
29 commission training course each year. Failure to maintain
30 certification may be cause for removal from office. The
31 expenses of training shall be paid from the appropriation
32 authorized in section 35B.14.

33 Sec. 2. Section 35B.6, subsection 4, Code 2005, is amended
34 to read as follows:

35 4. ~~In counties where a~~ Each commission ~~has established an~~

1 ~~office, the~~ of veteran affairs office shall be open a minimum
2 of four hours each work day. The hours that the office is
3 open shall be posted in a prominent position outside the
4 office. ~~In lieu of an office being open a minimum of four~~
5 ~~hours each work day, the names, home addresses, telephone~~
6 ~~numbers, and duties of commission members shall be posted.~~

7 Sec. 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection
8 3, shall not apply to this Act.

9 EXPLANATION

10 This bill requires that each county commission of veteran
11 affairs employ an executive director and, if needed, any
12 administrative or clerical assistants. Current law does not
13 require that an executive director be appointed. The bill
14 also requires that a county commission of veteran affairs
15 office shall be open at least four hours each work day and
16 eliminates the option of posting the names, phone numbers, and
17 duties of commission members in lieu of office hours.

18 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
19 section 25B.3. The bill makes inapplicable Code section
20 25B.2, subsection 3, which would relieve a political
21 subdivision from complying with a state mandate if funding for
22 the cost of the state mandate is not provided or specified.
23 Therefore, political subdivisions are required to comply with
24 any state mandate included in the bill.

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