

**House File 2143 - Introduced**

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BY INGELS

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the membership of the commission of veterans  
2 affairs.

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

1 Section 1. Section 35A.2, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2024,  
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 1. A commission of veterans affairs is created consisting of  
4 ~~eleven~~ twelve persons who shall be appointed by the governor,  
5 subject to confirmation by the senate. Members shall be  
6 appointed to staggered terms of four years beginning and  
7 ending as provided in [section 69.19](#). The governor shall fill  
8 a vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term. In addition  
9 to the members appointed by the governor, the commandant shall  
10 serve as a nonvoting, ex officio member of the commission.

11 2. ~~Ten~~ Eleven commissioners shall be honorably discharged  
12 members of the armed forces of the United States. The American  
13 legion of Iowa, disabled American veterans department of  
14 Iowa, veterans of foreign wars department of Iowa, American  
15 veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, the Vietnam  
16 veterans of America, the military order of the purple heart,  
17 the paralyzed veterans of America, the marine corps league,  
18 and the Iowa association of county commissioners and veteran  
19 service officers, through their department commanders, shall  
20 submit two names respectively from their organizations to the  
21 governor. The adjutant general and the Iowa affiliate of  
22 the reserve officers association shall submit names to the  
23 governor of persons to represent the Iowa national guard and  
24 the association. The governor shall appoint from the group of  
25 names submitted by the adjutant general and reserve officers  
26 association two representatives and from each of the other  
27 organizations one representative to serve as a member of the  
28 commission, unless the appointments would conflict with the  
29 bipartisan and gender balance provisions of [sections 69.16](#) and  
30 [69.16A](#). In addition, the governor shall appoint one member  
31 of the public, knowledgeable in the general field of veterans  
32 affairs, to serve on the commission.

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EXPLANATION

34 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
35 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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1     This bill adds a 12th member to the commission of veterans  
2 affairs and requires that the marine corps league recommend  
3 for the position two of its members to the governor, who will  
4 appoint one, subject to confirmation by the senate.