

Senate File 93 - Introduced

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BY REICHMAN

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to qualifications to serve on a county commission
- 2 of veteran affairs.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 35B.3, Code 2025, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **35B.3 County commission of veteran affairs.**

4 1. The county commission of veteran affairs shall consist
5 of either three or five persons, as determined by the board of
6 supervisors, all of whom shall be ~~veterans~~ one of the following:

7 a. A veteran as defined in section 35.1.

8 b. An Iowa resident who is a current member of the Iowa
9 national guard or an Iowa unit of the reserve forces of the
10 United States, whose service is satisfactory according to a
11 letter of recommendation from the commander of the person's
12 current unit.

13 c. An Iowa resident who is a former member of the Iowa
14 national guard or an Iowa unit of the reserve forces of the
15 United States and was discharged under honorable conditions as
16 evidenced by the person's certificate of release or discharge
17 from active duty, commonly referred to as a DD214, or a letter
18 of recommendation from the commander of the person's last unit.

19 2. If possible, each member of the commission shall ~~be a~~
20 ~~veteran of~~ have served in a different military branch. However,
21 this qualification does not preclude membership to a veteran who
22 served in more than one branch of the military.

23 EXPLANATION

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

26 Under current law, only a veteran as defined in Code section
27 35.1 can serve on a county commission of veteran affairs. This
28 bill allows an Iowa resident who is a current or former member of
29 the Iowa national guard or an Iowa unit of the reserve forces of
30 the United States whose service is or was satisfactory according
31 to a letter of recommendation from the person's most recent unit
32 commander or who was discharged under honorable conditions to
33 serve on a county commission of veteran affairs. By operation of
34 law, the bill also allows such persons to serve as an executive
35 director for a county commission of veteran affairs under Code

1 section 35B.6.

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