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BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3033)

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to requirements and duties of members, executive  
2 directors, and employees of county commissions of veteran  
3 affairs.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 35A.5, subsection 9, Code Supplement  
1 2 2007, is amended to read as follows:  
1 3 9. After consultation with the commission, provide  
1 4 training to commissioners, executive directors, and  
1 5 administrators of county commissions of veteran affairs  
1 6 pursuant to section 35B.6. The department may adopt rules in  
1 7 accordance with chapter 17A to provide for training of county  
1 8 veteran affairs commissioners, executive directors, and  
1 9 administrators.  
1 10 Sec. 2. Section 35B.6, Code 2007, is amended to read as  
1 11 follows:  
1 12 35B.6 QUALIFICATION == TRAINING == OFFICES.  
1 13 1. a. The members of the commission shall qualify by  
1 14 taking the usual oath of office, and give bond in the sum of  
1 15 five hundred dollars each, conditioned for the faithful  
1 16 discharge of their duties with sureties to be approved by the  
1 17 county auditor. The commission shall organize by the  
1 18 selection of one of their members as chairperson, and one as  
1 19 secretary. ~~The commission, subject to the approval of the~~  
1 20 ~~board of supervisors, shall have power to employ an executive~~  
1 21 ~~director and other necessary administrative or clerical~~  
1 22 ~~assistants when needed, the compensation of such employees to~~  
1 23 ~~be fixed by the board of supervisors, but no member of the~~  
1 24 ~~commission shall be so employed. The commission shall employ~~  
1 25 an executive director or administrator, and other necessary  
1 26 administrative or clerical assistants when needed. The  
1 27 compensation of the executive director, administrator, or  
1 28 other necessary administrative or clerical employees shall be  
1 29 set by the commission at a rate comparable to the rate set for  
1 30 other similar positions in the county. A commissioner shall  
1 31 not be employed as an executive director, administrator, or an  
1 32 administrative or clerical assistant. Commissioners shall  
1 33 complete a course of initial training provided by the  
1 34 department of veterans affairs pursuant to section 35A.5. The  
1 35 executive director must possess the same qualifications as  
2 1 provided in section 35B.3 for commission members. However,  
2 2 this qualification requirement shall not apply to a person  
2 3 employed as an executive director prior to July 1, 1989.  
2 4 b. ~~The commission may employ an administrator in lieu of~~  
2 5 ~~an executive director. Administrators shall not be required~~  
2 6 ~~to meet all the qualifications provided in section 35B.3 for~~  
2 7 ~~commissioners. An administrator may hold another position~~  
2 8 ~~within the county or other government entity while serving as~~  
2 9 ~~an administrator only if such position does not adversely~~  
2 10 ~~affect the administrator's duties under this chapter.~~  
2 11 c. Upon the employment of an executive director or  
2 12 administrator, the executive director or administrator shall  
2 13 complete a course of initial training provided by the  
2 14 department of veterans affairs pursuant to section 35A.5. ~~if~~  
2 15 ~~an executive director is not appointed, a commissioner or a~~  
2 16 ~~clerical assistant shall complete the course of training. The~~  
2 17 department shall issue the executive director, administrator,  
2 18 commissioner, or clerical assistant a certificate of training

2 19 after completion of the initial training course. To maintain  
2 20 annual certification, the executive director, administrator,  
2 21 commissioner, or clerical assistant shall attend one  
2 22 department training course each year. Failure to maintain  
2 23 certification may be cause for removal from office. The  
2 24 expenses of training shall be paid from the appropriation  
2 25 authorized in section 35B.14.  
2 26 d. The duties of the executive director, administrator,  
2 27 and clerical assistant shall include all of the following:  
2 28 (1) Inform members of the armed forces, veterans, and  
2 29 their dependents of all federal, state, and local laws enacted  
2 30 for their benefit.  
2 31 (2) Assist all residents of the state who served in the  
2 32 armed forces of the United States and their relatives,  
2 33 beneficiaries, and dependents in receiving from the United  
2 34 States and this state any and all compensation, pensions,  
2 35 hospitalization, insurance, educational, employment pay and  
3 1 gratuity, loan guarantees, or any other aid or benefit to  
3 2 which they may be entitled under any law.  
3 3 e. The department of veterans affairs or county veterans  
3 4 affairs offices shall not charge for any service provided to  
3 5 any individual.  
3 6 2. Two or more boards of supervisors may agree, pursuant  
3 7 to chapter 28E, to share the services of an executive director  
3 8 or administrator. The agreement shall provide for the  
3 9 establishment of a commission of veteran affairs office in  
3 10 each of the counties participating in the agreement.  
3 11 3. ~~The commission with the approval of the board of~~  
3 12 ~~supervisors shall appoint one of the deputies of the county~~  
3 13 ~~auditor to serve as administrative assistant to the~~  
3 14 ~~commission, to serve without additional compensation, unless~~  
3 15 ~~for good reasons shown, this arrangement is not feasible.~~  
3 16 4. ~~In counties where a~~ The commission has established  
3 17 shall establish an office, ~~the office which~~ shall be open a  
3 18 minimum of ~~four hours each workday~~ twenty hours each workweek.  
3 19 The hours that the office is open shall be posted in a  
3 20 prominent position outside the office. ~~In lieu of an office~~  
3 21 ~~being open a minimum of four hours each workday, the names,~~  
3 22 ~~home addresses, telephone numbers, and duties of commission~~  
3 23 ~~members shall be posted.~~  
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