

CHAPTER 1075**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF COMMISSIONS OF VETERAN AFFAIRS***S.F. 2024*

AN ACT relating to the employment of a commission of veteran affairs' executive director to serve two or more counties and providing for training of executive directors of county commissions of veteran affairs.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 29.4, Code 1991, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The division shall provide training to executive directors of county commissions of veteran affairs pursuant to section 250.6. The department of public defense may adopt rules in accordance with chapter 17A to provide for training of county veteran affairs executive directors.

Sec. 2. Section 250.6, Code 1991, is amended to read as follows:

1. a. The members of the commission shall qualify by taking the usual oath of office, and give bond in the sum of five hundred dollars each, conditioned for the faithful discharge of their duties with sureties to be approved by the county auditor. The commission shall organize by the selection of one of their members as chairperson, and one as secretary. The commission, subject to the approval of the board of supervisors, shall have power to employ an executive director and other necessary administrative or clerical assistants when needed, the compensation of such employees to be fixed by the board of supervisors, but no member of the commission shall be so employed. The executive director must possess the same qualifications as provided in section 250.3 for commission members. However, this qualification requirement shall not apply to a person employed as an executive director prior to July 1, 1989.

b. Upon the employment of an executive director, the executive director shall complete a course of initial training provided by the veterans affairs division of the department of public defense pursuant to section 29.4. If an executive director is not appointed, a commissioner or a clerical assistant shall complete the course of training. The division shall issue the executive director, commissioner, or clerical assistant a certificate of training after completion of the initial training course. To maintain annual certification, the executive director, commissioner, or clerical assistant shall attend one division training course each year. Failure to maintain certification may be cause for removal from office. The expenses of training shall be paid from the appropriation authorized in section 250.14.

2. Two or more boards of supervisors may agree, pursuant to chapter 28E, to share the services of an executive director. The agreement shall provide for the establishment of a commission of veteran affairs' office in each of the counties participating in the agreement.

3. The commission with the approval of the board of supervisors shall appoint one of the deputies of the county auditor to serve as administrative assistant to the commission, to serve without additional compensation, unless for good reasons shown, this arrangement is not feasible.

4. In counties where a commission has established an office, the office shall be open a minimum of four hours each work day. The hours that the office is open shall be posted in a prominent position outside the office. In lieu of an office being open a minimum of four hours each work day, the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, and duties of commission members shall be posted.

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