

Second Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2016)

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HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1089

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 10-17-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2013, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 4. The commission shall do acts necessary or reasonably incident to the fulfillment of the purposes of this chapter, including the following:

- (1) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to administer this chapter.
- (2) Advise the veterans' state service officer in problems concerning the welfare of veterans.
- (3) Determine general administrative policies within the department.
- (4) Establish standards for certification of county and city service officers.
- (5) Establish and administer a written examination for renewal of the certification of county and city service officers.
- (6) Submit, not later than December 31 of each year, an annual report to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 and to the governor concerning the welfare of veterans.**

SECTION 2. IC 10-17-1-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.105-2014, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 9. (a) A county executive:

- (1) shall designate and may:

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(A) appoint a county service officer for a four (4) year term; or
 (B) employ a county service officer; and
 (2) may employ service officer assistants;
 to serve the veterans of the county.

(b) ~~The fiscal body of a city may provide for the employment by the mayor of a city~~ **may employ a service officer and may employ service officer assistants to serve the veterans of the city.**

(c) If the remuneration and expenses of a county or city service officer are paid from the funds of the county or city employing the service officer, the service officer shall:

(1) have the same qualifications and be subject to the same rules as the director, assistant director, and state service officers of the Indiana department of veterans' affairs; and

(2) serve under the supervision of the director of veterans' affairs.

A service officer assistant must have the same qualifications as an employee described in section 11(b) of this chapter. A rule contrary to this subsection is void.

(d) County and city fiscal bodies may appropriate funds necessary for the purposes described in this section.

SECTION 3. IC 10-17-13-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.4-2014, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 5. The commission consists of the following members:

(1) ~~Seven (7)~~ **Six (6)** members appointed by the governor, **as provided in this subdivision.** The governor shall consider the following when making appointments under this subdivision:

(A) Membership in a veterans association established under IC 10-18-6.

(B) Service in the armed forces of the United States (as defined in IC 5-9-4-3) or the national guard (as defined in IC 5-9-4-4).

(C) Experience in education, including higher education, vocational education, or adult education.

(D) Experience in investment banking or finance.

The governor shall designate one (1) member appointed under this subdivision to serve as chairperson of the commission.

(2) One (1) county service officer, appointed by the governor.

~~(2)~~ **(3)** The director of veterans' affairs appointed under IC 10-17-1-5 or the director's designee.

~~(3)~~ **(4)** The adjutant general of the military department of the state appointed under IC 10-16-2-6 or the adjutant general's designee.

~~(4)~~ **(5)** Four (4) members of the general assembly appointed as



follows:

(A) Two (2) members of the senate, one (1) from each political party, appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate with advice from the minority leader of the senate.

(B) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, one (1) from each political party, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives with advice from the minority leader of the house of representatives.

Members appointed under this subdivision are nonvoting, advisory members and must serve on a standing committee of the senate or house of representatives that has subject matter jurisdiction over military and veterans affairs.

SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) As used in this SECTION, "legislative council" refers to the legislative council established by IC 2-5-1.1-1.

(b) As used in this SECTION, "study committee" means either of the following:

(1) A statutory committee established under IC 2-5.

(2) An interim study committee.

(c) The legislative council is urged to assign to the appropriate interim study committee during the 2016 legislative interim the topic of district veteran service officers.

(d) If the topic described in subsection (c) is assigned to a study committee, the study committee may consider, as part of its study, the following:

(1) Duties to be performed by district service officers.

(2) Standards for certification of district service officers.

(3) Accreditation requirements for district service officers.

(4) The cost to the state of employing district service officers.

(e) If the topic described in subsection (c) is assigned to an interim study committee, the interim study committee shall issue a final report to the legislative council containing the interim study committee's findings and recommendations, including any recommended legislation, in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 not later than November 1, 2016.

(f) This SECTION expires December 31, 2016.

SECTION 5. An emergency is declared for this act.



Speaker of the House of Representatives

President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: _____ Time: _____

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