

BILL SUMMARY

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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

Floor Amendment 2 to HB 1080 provides that all appointments reflect the best interests of veterans. The second floor amendment also states that the Governor appoints one member each from the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the National Guard Association and that one of the appointments must be a veteran of the Persian Gulf Wars. The Speaker of the Oklahoma House will name one at-large member and then one each from the American Legion and the Force 50 Foundation, with at least one of the members being a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict. The President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate will name one at-large member and one member each from the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans, at least one member which must be a veteran of the Persian Gulf Wars.

HB 1080 amends the appointment process for the Oklahoma Veterans Commission, requiring the list of qualified persons to serve as Commission members to be submitted to the appointing authority. The members will serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority and may be removed and replaced without cause. All appointments must reflect the best interests of veterans. When there is a vacancy, the organization will submit a list of names to the appointing authority from which to choose. Any Commission member will be prohibited from voting on an issue in which they have a direct financial interest. Each must submit a financial disclosure form and military history records within 30 days of their appointment.

The amended appointments are as follows:

- The Governor will name one member from the National Guard Association of Oklahoma, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart, at least one of which must be a veteran of the Persian Gulf Wars;
- The Speaker of the House will name one member from the American Legion, one member from the Force 50 Foundation, and one at-large member, at least one of which must be a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict; and
- The President Pro Tempore of the Senate will name one member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, one member from the Disabled American Veterans, and one at-large member, at least one of which must be a veteran of the Persian Gulf Wars.

Terms for present members will terminate at the effective date of this act and the organizations involved have 30 days to submit lists of qualified persons after which the appointing authority has 30 days to make their choice. Appointing authorities will have 60 days to appoint members at-large.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.

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