

1 AN ACT concerning veterans.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Military Veterans Assistance Act is amended
5 by changing Section 9 as follows:

6 (330 ILCS 45/9) (from Ch. 23, par. 3089)

7 Sec. 9. Veterans Assistance Commission.

8 (a) In counties having 2 or more posts, camps, chapters or
9 detachments of military veterans organizations as may be
10 recognized by law, a central assistance committee may be
11 organized to be known as the Veterans Assistance Commission of
12 such county, composed of delegates and alternates from a
13 majority of such posts, camps, units, and chapters or ship
14 selected annually as determined by each post, ship, camp, or
15 chapter. When so organized a commission shall be clothed with
16 all the powers and charged with all the duties theretofore
17 devolving upon the different posts and chapters as provided in
18 Section 2.

19 (1) Beginning on January 1, 2017, and every January 1
20 thereafter, all Veterans Assistance Commissions shall
21 publish a notice to each post, camp, unit, chapter, ship,
22 or detachment of a military veterans organization within
23 their respective county calling on them to select

1 delegates and alternates for that county's Veterans
2 Assistance Commission by the methods provided in this
3 subsection. The Veterans Assistance Commissions shall
4 allow each post, camp, unit, chapter, ship, or detachment
5 of a military veterans organization 60 days to respond.

6 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), posts, camps,
7 units, chapters, ships, or detachments of a military
8 veterans organization shall be permitted to select one
9 delegate and one alternate.

10 (3) In counties with 5 or more posts, camps, units,
11 chapters, ships, or detachments of the same military
12 veterans organization, all the constituent posts, camps,
13 units, chapters, ships, or detachments of such military
14 organizations shall be permitted to select a single
15 delegate and single alternate to represent that military
16 veterans organization instead of each constituent post,
17 camp, unit, chapter, ship, or detachment selecting one
18 delegate and one alternate. For the purposes of meeting
19 the majority requirement of this subsection, when the
20 constituent groups of a military veterans organization
21 choose to select a single delegate and single alternate,
22 the single delegate and single alternate shall represent
23 the aggregate percentage of the constituent groups.

24 (4) If a post, camp, unit, chapter, ship, or
25 detachment of a military veterans organization serves more
26 than one county, then it shall be permitted to select one

1 delegate and one alternate for the Veterans Assistance
2 Commission in each county in which at least 25% of its
3 members reside.

4 (b) The Commission superintendent and the president or
5 chairman of the county board, or some other county officer
6 appointed by him, shall have general oversight of the
7 distribution of all moneys and supplies appropriated by the
8 county for the benefit of military veterans and their
9 families, subject to such rules, regulations, administrative
10 procedures or audit reviews as are necessary as approved by
11 the county board to carry out the spirit and intent of this
12 Act. No warrant authorized under this Act may be issued for the
13 payment of money without the presentation of an itemized
14 statement or claim, approved by the superintendent of the
15 Commission.

16 If general assistance funds are allocated to a county for
17 assistance to military veterans and their families as provided
18 in the Illinois Public Aid Code, the administration of such
19 funds and of county tax funds levied for such purpose as
20 provided in Section 5-2006 of the Counties Code shall be
21 subject to the supervision of the Department of Human Services
22 in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Public Aid
23 Code. The superintendent of the Veterans Assistance Commission
24 must comply with the procedures and regulations adopted by the
25 Veterans Assistance Commission and the regulations of the
26 Department of Human Services. To further the intent of this

1 Act of assisting military veterans, this Act is to be
2 construed so that the Veterans Assistance Commission shall
3 provide needed services to eligible veterans.

4 (Source: P.A. 99-853, eff. 8-19-16.)

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
6 becoming law.