



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB6560

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

330 ILCS 45/9

from Ch. 23, par. 3089

Amends the Military Veterans Assistance Act. Provides that Veterans Assistance Commissions shall be composed of delegates (rather than one delegate) and alternates (rather than one alternate) from a majority (rather than each) of the posts, camps, units, and chapters or ships of military veterans organizations in a county. Provides that beginning on January 1, 2017, and every January 1 thereafter, all Veterans Assistance Commissions shall publish a specified notice. Adds provisions concerning the selection of delegates and alternates for Veterans Assistance Commissions. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

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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 ~~one delegate~~ and alternates
13 ~~one alternate~~ from a majority ~~each~~ of such posts, camps, units,
14 and chapters or ship selected annually as determined by each
15 post, ship, camp, or chapter. When so organized a commission
16 shall be clothed with all the powers and charged with all the
17 duties theretofore devolving upon the different posts and
18 chapters as provided in 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 delegates

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

6 (2) Except as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4),
7 posts, camps, units, chapters, ships, or detachments of a
8 military veterans organization shall be permitted to
9 select one 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 the
19 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 detachment
25 of a military veterans organization serves more than one
26 county then it shall be permitted to select one delegate

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

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

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

1 services to eligible veterans.

2 (Source: P.A. 89-507, eff. 7-1-97.)

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
4 becoming law.