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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2532

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2532 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

1 duties theretofore devolving upon the different posts and
2 chapters as provided in Section 2.

3 (1) Beginning on January 1, 2017, and every January 1
4 thereafter, all Veterans Assistance Commissions shall
5 publish a notice to each post, camp, unit, chapter, ship,
6 or detachment of a military veterans organization within
7 their respective county calling on them to select delegates
8 and alternates for that county's Veterans Assistance
9 Commission by the methods provided in this subsection. The
10 Veterans Assistance Commissions shall allow each post,
11 camp, unit, chapter, ship, or detachment of a military
12 veterans organization 60 days to respond.

13 (2) Except as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4),
14 posts, camps, units, chapters, ships, or detachments of a
15 military veterans organization shall be permitted to
16 select one delegate and one alternate.

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

1 constituent groups of a military veterans organization
2 choose to select a single delegate and single alternate,
3 the single delegate and single alternate shall represent
4 the aggregate percentage of the constituent groups.

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

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

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

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