

CHAPTER 280

(HB 243)

AN ACT relating to reorganization.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. KRS 36.310 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) There is created a board to be known as the Advisory Board for Veterans' Affairs, which shall be attached to the Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- (2) The board shall be composed of *the following*:
 - (a) *Seven (7)*~~five (5)~~ members appointed by the Governor;
 - (b) *The executive director of the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs; and*
 - (c) *The adjutant general of the Commonwealth.*
- (3) ~~Two (2) of said members shall serve for a period of three (3) years, two (2) for a period of two (2) years and one (1) for a period of one (1) year and~~ All *board members appointed by the Governor* shall serve until their successors are appointed, and ~~with~~ all appointments ~~after the original appointments~~ *shall be*~~being~~ for three (3) years. It is further provided that ~~the~~~~said~~ appointments shall be veterans with service during time of war or hostilities wherein American troops were engaged in conflict with an armed enemy. ~~If~~~~Insofar as~~ practicable, the Governor, in making appointments to the board, shall give due consideration to a fair representation on the board of nationally recognized veterans' organizations active in Kentucky, based on size of the membership of such organizations in this state. The state headquarters of each ~~said~~ major veterans' organization may, from time to time, submit a list of not more than three (3) names to the Governor from which list original appointments may be made and vacancies filled in his discretion
- ~~(4)~~~~(2)~~ Members of the board shall meet at least once every two (2) months at the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and at such other times as the chairman may designate, and the members shall decide as to the specific meeting date.
- ~~(5)~~~~(3)~~ Members of the board shall be paid for the actual expenses incurred upon attendance of meetings of the board subject to the Finance and Administration Cabinet regulations.
- ~~(6)~~~~(4)~~ At its first meeting the members of the board shall select a chairman, vice chairman, and secretary from among the members.
- ~~(7)~~~~(5)~~ The board shall advise ~~the Governor and~~ the commissioner of the Department of Veterans' Affairs on the administration of veterans' services programs.
- (8) *The commissioner shall advise the Governor on matters relating to veterans' affairs.*
- ~~(9)~~~~(6)~~ The *commissioner*~~board~~ shall advise the General Assembly on matters relating to veterans' affairs.

Section 2. The General Assembly confirms Executive Orders 97-1161, dated September 9, 1997, and 99-1588, dated December 3, 1999, to the extent they are not otherwise confirmed or superseded by this Act.

Section 3. Notwithstanding KRS 446.260, the change made in Section 1 of this Act shall be merged into the section of 2000 House Bill 139 affecting that statute, if House Bill 139 becomes law.

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