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SYNOPSIS

Changes membership requirements of Veterans' Services Council.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on May 20, 2010.



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1 AN ACT concerning the membership of the Veterans' Services
2 Council and amending P.L.1948, c.448.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 22 of P.L.1948, c.448 (C.13:1B-20) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 22. There shall be within the Department of Military and
10 Veterans' Affairs, a Veterans' Services Council which shall consist
11 of **[nine]** twelve members and shall include no less than two
12 women. The Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs shall serve
13 as a nonvoting ex-officio member. Each member of the council
14 shall be a veteran, and shall be appointed by the Governor, with the
15 advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of four years, but for a
16 term of three years for a term beginning after the effective date of
17 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill), and shall
18 serve until his successor has been appointed and has qualified,
19 except that of the first appointments **[hereunder]** pursuant to
20 P.L.1948, c.448, two shall be for a term of one year, two for two
21 years, two for three years, and three for four years, and of the two
22 members first appointed pursuant to P.L. , c. (pending before the
23 Legislature as this bill), one shall serve for a term of two years and
24 one shall serve for a term of three years. At no time shall a member
25 be allowed to serve more than two terms in the aggregate. All
26 appointments to the council shall be made in consultation with the
27 leaders of all federally-chartered veterans' organizations in the
28 State.

29 **[**Each Governor shall designate one of the members of the
30 council as chairman of such council. Any member of the council so
31 designated shall serve as such chairman at the pleasure of the
32 Governor designating him and until his successor has been
33 designated.**]** The members shall nominate a chairman by majority
34 vote of the members, and six members shall constitute a majority.
35 The nomination shall be sent to the Governor for approval. The
36 chairman of the council shall be its presiding officer and shall serve
37 until a successor has been nominated by the council and approved
38 by the Governor.

39 Any vacancies in the membership of said council occurring other
40 than by expiration of term shall be filled by the Governor, with the
41 advice and consent of the Senate, for the unexpired term only. Any
42 member of the council may be removed from office by the
43 Governor, for cause, upon notice and opportunity to be heard. Any
44 member who shall be absent for three meetings of the council

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate floor amendments adopted May 20, 2010.

1 without being excused for good cause by the chairman '【shall】
2 may', upon recommendation to the Governor by a majority vote of
3 the members of the council, be removed from office by the
4 Governor.

5 The members of the council shall serve without compensation
6 but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the
7 performance of their duties.

8 (cf: P.L.1988, c.138, s.21)

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10 2. Section 23 of P.L.1948, c.448 (C.13:1B-21) is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 23. The Veterans' Services Council shall, subject to the approval
13 of the commissioner, formulate comprehensive policies for the co-
14 ordination of all services for the benefit of 【war】 veterans and their
15 dependents.

16 The council shall also:

17 a. Consult with and advise the commissioner and the director
18 of the Division of Veterans' Services with respect to the work of the
19 division.

20 b. Study the activities of the Division of Veterans' Services and
21 hold hearings with respect thereto as it may deem necessary or
22 desirable.

23 c. Report to the Governor and the Legislature annually, and at
24 such other times as it may deem in the public interest, with respect
25 to its findings and conclusions.

26 (cf: P.L.1948, c.448, s.23)

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28 3. This act shall take effect immediately.