

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 401

2017 Regular Session

Gisclair

VETERANS: Provides relative to the membership of the Veterans' Affairs Commission

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Requires that appointments to the Veterans' Affairs Commission be made in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 42:2.1 by:
 - a. Giving due consideration to the demographics of the state.
 - b. Prohibiting the appointment of any person owing outstanding fines, fees, or penalties pursuant to the Code of Governmental Ethics of \$250 or more.
 - c. Prohibiting a right of action against the Veterans' Affairs Commission or against any action of the commission.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for the composition of the Veterans' Affairs Commission, to be made up of nine members. Requires the governor to make appointments from nominations by certain veterans organizations operating in this state and participating in the Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

Proposed law requires the governor to make six appointments from the nominees submitted. Requires that appointments to the Veterans' Affairs Commission be made in accordance with the provisions of present law (R.S. 42:2.1) by giving due consideration to the demographics of the state and prohibiting the appointments of any person owing outstanding fines, fees, or penalties of \$250 or more pursuant to the Code of Governmental Ethics.

Proposed law prohibits a right of action pursuant to present law (R.S. 42:2.1) against the Veterans' Affairs Commission or against any action of the commission.

Proposed law increases the number of members appointed by the governor who are not required to be a member of an eligible veterans organization from one to three.

Proposed law provides that all members serve at the pleasure of the governor and may be removed without cause prior to the expiration of the term upon written notice by the secretary of the La. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

Proposed law also removes obsolete language regarding the terms of the initial appointments.

(Amends R.S. 29:253(A)(1)(b), (2)(a), and (3))