

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1623

By: Reynolds

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to veterans; amending 72 O.S. 2001,  
8 Section 63.2, which relates to the War Veterans  
9 Commission of Oklahoma; modifying certain language;  
10 and providing an effective date.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2001, Section 63.2, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 63.2 The War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma shall  
15 consist of nine (9) members. Members shall be honorably discharged  
16 veterans of any war or conflict in which the United States  
17 participated as a belligerent provided three of the members shall be  
18 veterans of the Vietnam Conflict. The members shall be selected in  
19 the following manner: The state executive board or committees of  
20 the veterans' organizations in Oklahoma who have had accredited  
21 representatives at the Veterans Administration Regional Office in  
22 Oklahoma for at least ten (10) previous consecutive years shall each  
23 submit to the Governor of Oklahoma a list of ten persons qualified  
24 to serve as members of the War Veterans Commission of Oklahoma.

1 ~~Said~~ Such list shall be submitted to the Governor not later than one  
2 (1) month prior to the expiration of the terms of office of the  
3 members of the War Veterans Commission. The Governor shall name  
4 four members of the War Veterans Commission from lists submitted by  
5 the American Legion, three members of the War Veterans Commission  
6 from the lists submitted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and two  
7 members of the War Veterans Commission from lists submitted by the  
8 Disabled American Veterans. Provided, that only those veterans'  
9 organizations recognized to present claims before the Veterans  
10 Administration, or its successor, and maintaining a headquarters  
11 within the State of Oklahoma shall be eligible to submit a list of  
12 names to the Governor as provided above.

13 The executive officer of each veterans' organization operating  
14 within the State of Oklahoma shall on or before January 1 of each  
15 year submit to the Secretary of State a copy of the annual audit of  
16 the organization for the immediate preceding fiscal year of the  
17 organization. Such audit shall clearly show the total paid  
18 membership of the organization and shall be certified to by a  
19 certified public accountant. The members of the Commission shall be  
20 appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the Senate.  
21 Each organization qualifying for membership on the Oklahoma State  
22 War Veterans Commission shall submit a list of ten names to the  
23 Governor to choose from when a vacancy on the War Veterans  
24 Commission occurs.

1 Before any member appointed as provided herein shall enter upon  
2 his duties as a member of the Commission he shall take and subscribe  
3 to the oath of office as required by the Constitution of this state.

4 Present members of the Commission shall continue in office until  
5 the expiration of their terms and until their successors are  
6 appointed and enter upon the duties of their offices. Appointments  
7 shall be made for a three-year period. Any vacancy on the  
8 Commission resulting from any cause shall be filled by appointment  
9 by the Governor for the remainder of the term as provided in this  
10 section.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

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