

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 19, 2014

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1636

6 By: Brooks of the Senate

7 and

8 Smalley of the House

9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 [ soldiers and sailors - War Veterans Commission -  
11 effective date ]

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2011, Section 63.2, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

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

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

14 The executive officer of each veterans' organization operating  
15 within the State of Oklahoma shall, on or before January 1 of each  
16 year submit the year in which the organization's appointee's term  
17 expires, submit to the Secretary of State, the Governor, the  
18 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
19 Representatives a copy of the annual performance audit and the  
20 financial audit of the organization for the immediate immediately  
21 preceding fiscal year of the organization. Such audit audits shall  
22 be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally  
23 accepted in the United States and shall clearly show the total paid  
24 membership of the organization and shall be certified to by a

1 certified public accountant. Failure to comply with this section  
2 shall render the organization ineligible to submit a nominee to the  
3 Governor. The members of the Commission shall be appointed by the  
4 Governor with advice and consent of the Senate. Each organization  
5 qualifying for membership on the Oklahoma State War Veterans  
6 Commission shall submit a list of ten names to the Governor to  
7 choose from when a vacancy on the War Veterans Commission occurs.

8 Before any member appointed as provided herein shall enter upon  
9 his or her duties as a member of the Commission, he or she shall  
10 take and subscribe to the oath of office as required by the  
11 Constitution of this state.

12 Present members of the Commission shall continue in office until  
13 the expiration of their terms and until their successors are  
14 appointed and enter upon the duties of their offices. Appointments  
15 shall be made for a three-year period. Any vacancy on the  
16 Commission resulting from any cause shall be filled by appointment  
17 by the Governor for the remainder of the term as provided in this  
18 section.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
21 February 19, 2014 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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