

Assembly Bill No. 130—Assemblymen Grady, McCleary, Angle, Anderson, McClain, Allen, Atkinson, Carpenter, Claborn, Conklin, Giunchigliani, Goicoechea, Hettrick, Koivisto, Mabey, Manendo, Munford, Oceguera, Perkins, Seale, Sibley, Smith and Weber

Joint Sponsors: Senators Amodei, Care and McGinness

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AN ACT relating to veterans; revising the provisions governing the filling of certain vacancies on the Nevada Veterans' Services Commission; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law creates the Nevada Veterans' Services Commission to advise the Executive Director for Veterans' Services and Deputy Executive Director for Veterans' Services of the Office of Veterans' Services and to make recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director regarding aid or benefits for veterans. (NRS 417.150, 417.190) The Commission consists of nine members, including three members appointed by the Governor that must be representatives of nationally recognized veterans' organizations and possess honorable discharges from the Armed Services. If a vacancy occurs among those members, the Governor is required to fill the vacancy from among the names of qualified nominees provided by the Adjutant General. (NRS 417.150)

This bill requires the Executive Director for Veterans' Services, rather than the Adjutant General, to provide to the Governor the names of qualified nominees for appointment to fill such a vacancy.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 417.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:

417.150 1. The Nevada Veterans' Services Commission, consisting of nine members, is hereby created.

2. The Governor shall appoint:

(a) Three members who are representatives of nationally recognized veterans' organizations and who possess honorable discharges from some branch of the military and naval service of the United States.

(b) Two members who are representatives of the general public.

3. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee for a Veterans' Cemetery in Northern Nevada and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee for a Veterans' Cemetery in Southern Nevada shall each appoint one member from their respective committees to serve as a member of the Commission. Each member so appointed must be a representative of a nationally recognized veterans' organization and

possess an honorable discharge from some branch of the military and naval service of the United States.

4. The Majority Leader of the Senate shall appoint one member of the Senate to serve as a member of the Commission.

5. The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint one member of the Assembly to serve as a member of the Commission.

6. The Governor may remove a member of the Commission at any time for failure to perform his duties, malfeasance or other good cause.

7. The term of office of each member is 2 years.

8. If a vacancy occurs in the membership of those members appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2, the Governor shall fill the vacancy from among the names of qualified nominees provided to him in writing by the ~~Adjutant General~~ *Executive Director*.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.