

OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 192 of the 132nd G.A. (L_132_0880-4) Status: In House Armed Services, Veteran Affairs, and Homeland Security

Sponsor: Reps. Miller and Anielski Local

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Modifies qualifications for appointment to a county veterans service commission

The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions. It allows the option for representation of post-September 11 veterans on county veterans service commissions by expanding an existing appointment category to also include a veteran who served in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, or subsequently in those theaters of operation. The bill also permits the appointment of military spouses in certain circumstances. The bill will not create additional memberships, but will modify the qualifications for appointment to a commission. These modifications will have no fiscal effect on any of the 88 county veterans service commissions, or the boards of county commissioners and courts of common pleas that have certain related duties and responsibilities.

Synopsis of Fiscal Effect Changes

The As Introduced version of the bill permitted a county veterans service commission to create two additional memberships and added further notification requirements regarding appointments for the two additional positions. The total cost of adding two members could have ranged anywhere from \$4,000 to \$40,000 annually (salary, reimbursables, and possible fringe benefits). The substitute bill (L_132_0880-4) removes these provisions and instead, modifies the qualifications for appointment. Thus, the substitute bill eliminates any potential cost increase to: (1) veterans service commissions that may have opted to increase their membership, and (2) courts of common pleas to comply with the additional notification requirements.

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