

**VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

**AMENDMENTS**

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Paul Ray**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies the membership of the Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ removes the representative from the Administrative Office of the Courts; and
- ▶ adds a member of the general public to the list from which the commission may

select pro tempore members.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides a special effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**36-28-102**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 150

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **36-28-102** is amended to read:

**36-28-102. Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission -- Creation -- Membership  
-- Chairs -- Terms -- Per diem and expenses.**



- 28 (1) There is created the Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission.
- 29 (2) The commission membership is composed of ~~[19]~~ 18 permanent members, but may  
30 not exceed 23 members, and is as follows:
- 31 (a) five legislative members to be appointed as follows:
- 32 (i) three members from the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the  
33 House of Representatives, no more than two of whom may be from the same political party;  
34 and
- 35 (ii) two members from the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate, no more  
36 than one of whom may be from the same political party;
- 37 (b) the executive director of the Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs or the  
38 director's designee;
- 39 (c) the chair of the Utah Veterans' Advisory Council;
- 40 (d) the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services or the director's  
41 designee;
- 42 (e) the executive director of the Department of Health or the director's designee;
- 43 (f) the executive director of the Department of Human Services or the director's  
44 designee;
- 45 ~~[(g) a representative from the Administrative Office of the Courts who is  
46 knowledgeable in court services appointed by the Judicial Council;]~~
- 47 ~~[(h)]~~ (g) a representative from the Utah National Guard appointed by the adjutant  
48 general;
- 49 ~~[(i)]~~ (h) the Guard and Reserve Transition Assistance Advisor; ~~[and]~~
- 50 ~~[(j)]~~ (i) a representative from the Board of Regents;
- 51 ~~[(k)]~~ (j) three representatives of veteran service organizations as recommended by the  
52 Veterans Advisory Council;
- 53 ~~[(l)]~~ (k) one representative from the Utah Defense Alliance; and
- 54 ~~[(m)]~~ (l) one military affairs representative from a chamber of commerce recommended  
55 by the Utah State Chamber of Commerce.
- 56 (3) The commission may appoint by majority vote of the entire commission up to ~~[four~~  
57 ~~representatives of]~~ five pro tempore members, representing:
- 58 (a) state ~~[and]~~ or local government agencies ~~[or]~~;

59           **(b)** interest groups [~~the commission feels necessary to complete its duties.~~] concerned  
60 with veterans issues; or

61           **(c)** the general public.

62           **(4) (a)** The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed  
63 under Subsection (2)(a) as a cochair of the commission.

64           **(b)** The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House  
65 of Representatives appointed under Subsection (2)(a) as a cochair of the commission.

66           **(5)** A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. The  
67 action of a majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the commission.

68           **(6)** The term for each [~~commission~~] pro tempore member appointed in accordance with  
69 Subsection (3) shall be two years from the date of appointment. A pro tempore member may  
70 not serve more than three terms.

71           **(7)** If a member leaves office or is unable to serve, the vacancy shall be filled as it was  
72 originally appointed. A person appointed to fill a vacancy under this section does not serve the  
73 remaining unexpired term of the member being replaced but begins serving a new term.

74           **(8)** A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service but  
75 may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

76           **(a)** Section [63A-3-106](#);

77           **(b)** Section [63A-3-107](#); and

78           **(c)** rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections [63A-3-106](#) and  
79 [63A-3-107](#).

80           Section 2. **Effective date.**

81           If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect  
82 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah  
83 Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,  
84 the date of veto override.