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AN ACT to amend and reenact sections two, three and eleven, article one, chapter nine-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to expanding the membership of the veterans' council and requiring that at least one member be a veteran of World War II, at least one member be a veteran of the Korean Conflict and at least two members be veterans of the Vietnam era.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections two, three and eleven, article one, chapter nine-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted as follows:

ARTICLE 1. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.

§9A-1-2. Veterans' council; administration of department.

1. There shall be a "veterans' council" which shall consist of seven members who shall be citizens and residents of this state, who have served in and been honorably discharged or separated under honorable conditions from the armed forces of the United States and whose service was within a time of war as defined by the laws of the United States, either Public Law No. 2—73rd Congress or Public Law No. 346—78th Congress, and any and all amendments thereto. At least one member of the council shall be a veteran of World War II, at least one member...
of the council shall be a veteran of the Korean Conflict
and at least two members of the council shall be veterans
of the Vietnam era. The members of the veterans’ coun-
cil shall be selected with special reference to their ability
and fitness to effectuate the purposes of this article. The
West Virginia department of veterans’ affairs shall be
administered by a director, and such deputy directors,
assistants and employees as may be deemed advisable.

§9A-l-3. Appointment of veterans’ council members; term of
office; removal.

The term of office of the members of the veterans’
council shall be six years, and they shall be appointed by
the governor by and with the advice and consent of the
Senate: Provided, That upon the adoption of this article,
the governor as aforesaid shall appoint two members
for a term of two years, two members for a term of four
years, and one member for a term of six years, and there-
after the successors of each member shall be appointed
for the term of six years: Provided, however, That upon
the expansion of the council from five to seven members,
the governor shall initially appoint one new member
for a term of four years and shall initially appoint the
other new member for a term of six years. Thereafter the
successors of these members shall be appointed for the
term of six years. In case of a vacancy in the veterans’
council, the appointment shall be for the remainder of the
unexpired term. A member of the veterans’ council shall
be subject to removal by the governor for cause, but
shall have upon his own request an open hearing before
the governor on the complaints or charges lodged against
him. The action of the governor shall be final.


There is hereby established an advisory council to the
West Virginia department of veterans’ affairs, which
shall meet on the call of the chairman of the veterans’
council with the veterans’ council at any of its regular
or special meetings, in connection with the establishment
of policies and rules and regulations of the department
to effectuate the purposes of this article and promote the
efficient operation of the department, but the advisory
council shall have no vote. The director, in carrying out
his powers and duties, shall have the right to call on the
individual members of the advisory council, and through
them or their department, agency or organization, and
also to call on such other departments or agencies of the
state, as may be necessary, for advice, aid and assistance.
The members of the advisory council shall be the state
superintendent of free schools, secretary of agriculture,
adjutant general, state banking commissioner, state di-
rector of health, president of the board of regents, com-
missioner of corrections, commissioner of the department
of highways and the commissioner of the department of
human services, or their duly authorized and accredited
representatives.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Davis
Chairman Senate Committee

Donald Wine
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect from passage.

J. C. Yucht
Clerk of the Senate

Donald L. Kostrub
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Walter P. McVean
President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 30th day of March, 1884.

Governor