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STATE GOVERNMENT

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(COMPANION TO LSB
5169SS BY LUNDBY)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the membership of the commission of veterans
2 affairs.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 35A.2, Code 2001, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 35A.2 COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

4 1. A commission of veterans affairs is created consisting
5 of ~~seven~~ eight persons who shall be appointed by the governor,
6 subject to confirmation by the senate. Members shall be
7 appointed to staggered terms of four years beginning and
8 ending as provided in section 69.19. The governor shall fill
9 a vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term.

10 2. Six commissioners shall be honorably discharged members
11 of the armed forces of the United States. The American legion
12 of Iowa, disabled American veterans department of Iowa,
13 veterans of foreign wars department of Iowa, American veterans
14 of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, the Vietnam veterans of
15 America, and the military order of the purple heart, through
16 their department commanders, shall submit two names
17 respectively from their organizations to the governor. The
18 governor shall appoint from each of the organizations one
19 representative to serve as a member of the commission, unless
20 the appointments would conflict with the bipartisan and gender
21 balance provisions of sections 69.16 and 69.16A. In addition,
22 the governor shall appoint one member of the public,
23 knowledgeable in the general field of veterans affairs, and
24 one member who is a resident of the Iowa veterans home to
25 serve on the commission.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill increases the number of members of the commission
28 of veterans affairs by one member who shall be a resident of
29 the Iowa veterans home. The total membership will then
30 consist of eight members appointed by the governor.

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