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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the appointment and qualifications of an
2 executive director of a county commission of veteran affairs.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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STATE GOVERNMENT

1 Section 1. Section 35B.6, subsection 1, paragraphs a and
2 b, Code 2001, are amended to read as follows:

3 a. The members of the commission shall qualify by taking
4 the usual oath of office, and give bond in the sum of five
5 hundred dollars each, conditioned for the faithful discharge
6 of their duties with sureties to be approved by the county
7 auditor. The commission shall organize by the selection of
8 one of their members as chairperson, and one as secretary.
9 The commission, subject to the approval of the board of
10 supervisors, ~~shall have power to~~ may employ an executive
11 director and other necessary administrative or clerical
12 assistants when needed, the compensation of ~~such~~ the employees
13 to be fixed by the board of supervisors, but no member of the
14 commission shall be so employed. The executive director must
15 possess the same qualifications as provided in section 35B.3
16 for commission members. ~~However, this qualification~~
17 ~~requirement shall not apply to a person employed as an~~
18 ~~executive director prior to July 17, 1989.~~

19 b. Upon the employment of an executive director, the
20 executive director shall complete a course of initial training
21 provided by the commission of veterans affairs pursuant to
22 section 35A.3. ~~If an executive director is not appointed, a~~
23 ~~commissioner or a clerical assistant shall complete the course~~
24 ~~of training.~~ The commission shall issue the executive
25 director, ~~commissioner, or clerical assistant~~ a certificate of
26 training after completion of the initial training course. To
27 maintain annual certification, the executive director,
28 ~~commissioner, or clerical assistant~~ shall attend one
29 commission training course each year. Failure to maintain
30 certification may be cause for removal from office. The
31 expenses of training shall be paid from the appropriation
32 authorized in section 35B.14.

33 Sec. 2. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection
34 3, does not apply to the requirements of this Act.

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EXPLANATION

1 This bill provides that each county commission of veteran
2 affairs shall appoint an executive director who shall be a
3 veteran as defined in Code section 35.1. Two or more counties
4 may share an executive director, but a commissioner or a
5 clerical assistant shall not be substituted for an executive
6 director to carry out the duties of the county commission of
7 veteran affairs as allowed by current law.

8 Code section 25B.2, subsection 3, relating to the funding
9 of state mandates, does not apply to the requirements of this
10 bill.

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