

SENATE BILL No. 367

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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9 AN ACT concerning the Kansas commission on veterans affairs; pertain-
10 ing to the membership thereof; pertaining to the executive director
11 thereof; amending K.S.A. 73-1208a and 73-1208c and repealing the
12 existing sections.
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14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

15 Section 1. K.S.A. 73-1208a is hereby amended to read as follows: 73-
16 1208a. There is hereby created the Kansas commission on veterans affairs,
17 which shall consist of five members appointed by the governor *subject to*
18 *confirmation by the senate as provided in K.S.A. 75-4315b and amend-*
19 *ments thereto*. The members of the commission shall be persons who
20 have served in the armed forces of the United States. The governor shall
21 designate the chairperson of the commission. Members of the commis-
22 sion serving on the effective date of this act *upon confirmation by the*
23 *senate as provided in K.S.A. 75-4315b, and amendments thereto*, shall
24 continue to serve for the term for which appointed. ~~On July 1, 1986, the~~
25 ~~governor shall appoint one member for a term expiring on June 30, 1987,~~
26 ~~and one member for a term expiring on June 30, 1988.~~

27 Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. ~~1992 Supp. 75-4315e~~ 75-4315c, and
28 *amendments thereto*, the governor shall appoint one member from each
29 congressional district and the remainder from the state at large. Not more
30 than three members shall be members of the same political party; and
31 not more than two members shall represent the same veterans'
32 organization.

33 Persons appointed as successors to all members of the commission shall
34 be appointed for terms of four years. ~~The governor may remove a member~~
35 ~~of the commission for good cause. Any vacancy occurring in the mem-~~
36 ~~bership of the commission for any cause shall be filled by appointment~~
37 ~~for the unexpired term in the same manner that original appointments~~
38 ~~are made.~~ *Members of the commission shall serve at the pleasure of the*
39 *governor. Each time a vacancy occurs in the membership of the commis-*
40 *sion for any cause, the chairperson or the chairperson's designee shall*
41 *request in writing a list of three eligible candidates from each congress-*
42 *tionally chartered veteran service organization with permanent head-*
43 *quarters in the state of Kansas. The chairperson shall consolidate a list of*

1 *all qualified candidates for the position and provide the list to the gov-*
2 *ernor no later than 30 days after the vacancy occurs. The governor shall*
3 *select a qualified replacement from this list.* Members of the commission
4 attending meetings of the commission, or attending a subcommittee
5 meeting thereof authorized by the commission, shall be paid compensa-
6 tion, subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses as provided in
7 K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.

8 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 73-1208c is hereby amended to read as follows: 73-
9 1208c. An executive director of the Kansas commission on veterans af-
10 fairs, who shall be a veteran, shall be appointed by the commission, *subject*
11 *to confirmation by the senate as provided in K.S.A. 75-4315b, and amend-*
12 *ments thereto*, and shall serve at the pleasure of the commission *chair-*
13 *person*. Such executive director shall be in the unclassified service under
14 the Kansas civil service act and shall receive an annual salary fixed by the
15 commission, with the approval of the governor. The executive director
16 shall be the executive and administrative officer of the commission and
17 shall be responsible for carrying out the general policies of the commis-
18 sion relating to furnishing services to veterans, their relatives and de-
19 pendents. The executive director shall have such other powers and duties
20 as the commission shall confer or impose upon the executive director for
21 the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

22 The compensation and expenses of the members of the commission
23 and the executive director of the commission, and the salaries and ex-
24 penses of officers and employees of the commission, who are employed
25 to carry out the provisions of article 12 of chapter 73 of Kansas Statutes
26 Annotated, and amendments thereto, and other expenses of administer-
27 ing article 12, shall be paid in accordance with appropriation acts upon
28 vouchers approved by the executive director or by a person or persons
29 designated by the executive director.

30 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 73-1208a and 73-1208c are hereby repealed.

31 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
32 publication in the statute book.