
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 980 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY HICKERNELL, PICKETT, MURT, JAMES, ZIMMERMAN,
MILLARD, DRISCOLL, SAINATO, SAYLOR, McCLINTON, NEILSON,
MENTZER AND SOLOMON, MARCH 26, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, MARCH 26, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in State Veterans' Commission and
3 Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans' Affairs, further
4 providing for State Veterans' Commission.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 1702(b) of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 1702. State Veterans' Commission.

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11 (b) Composition.--The commission shall be composed of:

12 (1) The Adjutant General, ex officio, or his designee.

13 (2) The State commander, commandant or head, or his
14 designee, of each of the following named veterans'

15 organizations:

16 (i) The American Legion.

17 (ii) AMVETS.

18 (iii) Blinded Veterans Association.

1 (iv) Catholic War Veterans of the United States of
2 America.

3 (v) Disabled American Veterans.

4 (vi) Jewish War Veterans of the United States.

5 (vii) Marine Corps League.

6 (viii) Military Order of the Purple Heart.

7 (ix) State Association of County Directors of
8 Veterans' Affairs.

9 (x) Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

10 (xii) Italian-American War Veterans of the United
11 States, Inc.

12 (xiii) The Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.

13 (xiv) American Ex-Prisoners of War.

14 (xv) Keystone Paralyzed Veterans Association.

15 (xvi) Military Officers Association of America.

16 (xvii) The Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.

17 (xviii) The Navy Club of the United States of
18 America.

19 (3) Four members at large appointed by the Governor from
20 a list provided by the Adjutant General, each of whom shall
21 be a veteran and a member in good and regular standing of a
22 Pennsylvania branch, post, lodge or club of a recognized
23 national veterans' organization active in this Commonwealth.
24 At least one member shall be a female veteran, and at least
25 one member shall be a veteran of the Vietnam era. Members at
26 large shall serve a term of four years and until a successor
27 has been appointed.

28 (4) The State Adjutants of the American Legion, the
29 Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the Veterans of Foreign
30 Wars (VFW) and the Executive Director of AMVETS as nonvoting

1 members.

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3 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.