

LEGISLATIVE BILL 677

Approved by the Governor April 06, 2016

Introduced by Craighead, 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to veterans; to amend section 80-410, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide, change, and eliminate qualifications for officers and personnel of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Veterans' Advisory Commission, and the state veterans service officers as prescribed; to change a military service requirement for certain officers and personnel; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 80-410, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

80-410 (1) The Director of Veterans' Affairs, ~~the deputy director, all members of the Veterans' Advisory Commission, and all state service officers, all assistant state service officers, and all personnel, except certain special and clerical help, of the state veterans service offices~~ shall have served in the armed forces of the United States during the dates set forth in section 80-401.01 ~~and~~ shall have been discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable from such service. A state service officer and shall have been a bona fide ~~resident~~ ~~residents~~ of the State of Nebraska continuously for at least ~~one year~~ ~~five years~~ immediately prior to their assuming ~~his or her~~ a position ~~in any of the offices mentioned~~.

(2) All county veterans service officers shall have served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, other than active duty for training, shall have been discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable from the service, and shall have been bona fide residents of the State of Nebraska continuously for at least one year immediately prior to assuming any such position, except that if there is no applicant for county veterans service officer in a county who will have been a bona fide resident of the State of Nebraska continuously for at least one year prior to assuming such position, the one-year residency requirement may be waived.

(3) All members of the county veterans service committees and all personnel, except certain special and clerical help, of the county veterans service offices shall have all of the qualifications described in subsection (2) of this section, except that such persons may have been discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of general (under honorable conditions).

Sec. 2. Original section 80-410, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.