

LEGISLATIVE BILL 83

Approved by the Governor February 20, 2003

Introduced by McDonald, 41; Aguilar, 35; Burling, 33

AN ACT relating to veterans; to amend section 80-407, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2002; to eliminate a reporting requirement; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 80-407, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2002, is amended to read:

80-407. Each county veterans service committee shall cooperate with and assist the Department of Veterans' Affairs in the performance and discharge of its duties and functions. Each such county veterans service committee shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the county board, a county veterans service officer for its county after the applicant has been certified as eligible according to section 80-410 by the Director of Veterans' Affairs. Service officers appointed prior to March 27, 1969, shall also be certified as eligible. The county veterans service committee, in cooperation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, shall issue a certificate of appointment, and establish a service center for the assistance of veterans, and is authorized to accept, for the purpose of carrying out its program of assistance to veterans, grants of funds from the county, municipalities, veterans, civic, religious, and fraternal organizations and groups, and private citizens. The county boards of the counties involved, after meeting with the affected veterans service committees, are authorized to join two or more counties in the appointment of a county veterans service officer for a given area with the expenses to be shared by the counties involved. The county board and the county veterans service committee shall be authorized to appoint or place any veterans service officer on a part-time basis if such officer's service shall not require forty hours per week. Members of the county veterans service committee shall be ineligible to serve as county veterans service officers or assistant county veterans service officers. ~~Each county veterans service committee shall report quarterly, on September 30, December 31, March 31, and June 30 its doings and expenditures to the Department of Veterans' Affairs and to the county, municipalities, organizations, and agencies which have contributed funds for the work of such county veterans service committee.~~

Sec. 2. Original section 80-407, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2002, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.