

**VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

**AMENDMENTS**

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Paul Ray**

Senate Sponsor: Todd D. Weiler

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**LONG TITLE**

**Committee Note:**

The Veterans and Military Affairs Commission recommended this bill.

Membership: 5 legislators 16 non-legislators

Total Vote: 19 voting for 0 voting against 2 absent

Legislative Vote: 5 voting for 0 voting against 0 absent

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions related to the Veterans and Military Affairs Commission.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

▶ allows for members of the commission who are legislators to be paid salaries and expenses.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**36-28-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 365



28 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

29 Section 1. Section **36-28-102** is amended to read:

30 **36-28-102. Veterans and Military Affairs Commission -- Creation -- Membership**  
31 **-- Chairs -- Terms -- Per diem and expenses.**

32 (1) There is created the Veterans and Military Affairs Commission.

33 (2) The commission membership is composed of 19 permanent members, but may not  
34 exceed 24 members, and is as follows:

35 (a) five legislative members to be appointed as follows:

36 (i) three members from the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the  
37 House of Representatives, no more than two of whom may be from the same political party;  
38 and

39 (ii) two members from the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate, no more  
40 than one of whom may be from the same political party;

41 (b) the executive director of the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs or the  
42 director's designee;

43 (c) the chair of the Utah Veterans Advisory Council;

44 (d) the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services or the director's  
45 designee;

46 (e) the executive director of the Department of Health or the director's designee;

47 (f) the executive director of the Department of Human Services or the director's  
48 designee;

49 (g) the adjutant general of the Utah National Guard or the adjutant general's designee;

50 (h) the Guard and Reserve Transition Assistance Advisor;

51 (i) a member of the Utah Board of Higher Education or that member's designee;

52 (j) three representatives of veteran service organizations recommended by the Veterans  
53 Advisory Council and confirmed by the commission;

54 (k) one member of the Executive Committee of the Utah Defense Alliance;

55 (l) one military affairs representative from a chamber of commerce member, appointed  
56 by the Utah State Chamber of Commerce; and

57 (m) a representative from the Veterans Health Administration.

58 (3) The commission may appoint by majority vote of the entire commission up to five

59 pro tempore members, representing:

60 (a) state or local government agencies;

61 (b) interest groups concerned with veterans issues; or

62 (c) the general public.

63 (4) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed  
64 under Subsection (2)(a) as a cochair of the commission.

65 (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House  
66 of Representatives appointed under Subsection (2)(a) as a cochair of the commission.

67 (5) A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. The  
68 action of a majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the commission.

69 (6) The term for each pro tempore member appointed in accordance with Subsection  
70 (3) shall be two years from July 1 of the year of appointment. A pro tempore member may not  
71 serve more than three terms.

72 (7) If a member leaves office or is unable to serve, the vacancy shall be filled as it was  
73 originally appointed. A person appointed to fill a vacancy under Subsection (6) serves the  
74 remaining unexpired term of the member being replaced. If the remaining unexpired term is  
75 less than six months, the newly appointed member shall be reappointed on July 1. The time  
76 served until July 1 is not counted in the restriction set forth in Subsection (6).

77 (8) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service but  
78 may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

79 (a) Section [63A-3-106](#);

80 (b) Section [63A-3-107](#); and

81 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections [63A-3-106](#) and  
82 [63A-3-107](#).

83 (9) Salaries and expenses of the members of the commission who are legislators shall  
84 be paid in accordance with Section [36-2-2](#) and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3,  
85 Legislator Compensation.