

By: Representative Rogers

To: Military Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 336

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 35-1-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 DELETE THE STATE VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD'S AUTHORITY TO APPOINT
3 THREE DIVISION DIRECTORS, A MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SPECIALIST AND
4 A MEDICAL CONSULTANT; TO AMEND SECTION 35-1-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
5 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 SECTION 1. Section 35-1-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 35-1-3. The State Veterans Affairs Board shall appoint, to
10 serve at the will and pleasure of the board, and who will be
11 subject to a biennial personnel performance review every two (2)
12 years, an executive director, (who shall also serve as Executive
13 Secretary of the State Veterans Affairs Board), a deputy director
14 and a division director * * *. The executive director and deputy
15 director * * * shall be honorably discharged or honorably released
16 veterans of * * * the Armed Forces of the United States * * *.
17 The board may establish additional minimum qualifications for
18 agency positions.

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20 SECTION 2. Section 35-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
21 amended as follows:

22 35-1-5. The members of the State Veterans Affairs Board
23 shall receive no salary but shall be entitled to a per diem
24 allowance in the amount provided in Section 25-3-69 while in
25 attendance at any regular or called meeting of the board or while
26 in the performance of other official duties in connection with the
27 work of the board as authorized or directed by the board. The

28 members of the board shall receive, in addition thereto, actual
29 and necessary expenses as provided by law in the performance of
30 such duties.

31 The compensation of all employees of the board, including the
32 executive director, deputy director and division directors, shall
33 be paid from such monies as the Legislature shall from time to
34 time appropriate.

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36 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
37 and after July 1, 1999.