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MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Senator(s) Seymour

To: Veterans and Military Affairs

## SENATE BILL NO. 2390

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 35-1-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

- 5 **SECTION 1.** Section 35-1-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 6 amended as follows:
- 7 35-1-3. The Governor shall appoint an Executive Director of
- 8 the State Veterans Affairs Board with the advice and consent of
- 9 the Senate, \* \* \* to serve at the will and pleasure of the
- 10 Governor \* \* \*. \* \* The Executive Director \* \* \* shall also
- 11 serve as Executive Secretary of the State Veterans Affairs
- 12 Board \* \* \*. The State Veterans Affairs Board shall appoint a
- 13 deputy director, individuals to manage each of the agency's major
- 14 functional areas and individuals to manage each of the state
- 15 veterans homes. The executive director and deputy director shall
- 16 be a currently serving member or honorably discharged or honorably
- 17 released veteran of any active or reserve component branch of the
- 18 Armed Forces of the United States. The board may establish
- 19 additional minimum qualifications for agency positions.

- 20 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 21 and after its passage.

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