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2/8/2023 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Family and Veterans' Services** ([Senate Journal‑page 47](h:\sj\20230208.docx))

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2/14/2023 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 23](h:\sj\20230214.docx))

2/14/2023 Senate Roll call Ayes-43 Nays-0 ([Senate Journal‑page 23](h:\sj\20230214.docx))

2/15/2023 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 9](h:\sj\20230215.docx))

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2/16/2023 House Referred to Committee on **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 20](h:\hj\20230216.docx))

5/3/2023 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 61](h:\hj\20230503.docx))

5/9/2023 House Debate adjourned ([House Journal‑page 22](h:\hj\20230509.docx))

5/10/2023 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 22](h:\hj\20230510.docx))

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5/10/2023 House Roll call Yeas-114 Nays-0 ([House Journal‑page 23](h:\hj\20230510.docx))

5/11/2023 House Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments ([House Journal‑page 16](h:\hj\20230511.docx))

5/11/2023 Senate Non-concurrence in House amendment ([Senate Journal‑page 59](h:\sj\20230511.docx))

5/11/2023 Senate Roll call Ayes-0 Nays-41 ([Senate Journal‑page 59](h:\sj\20230511.docx))

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(A58, R67, S317)

AN ACT to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by amending Section 25‑21‑20, relating to the Establishment of the board of trustees for the Veterans’ Trust Fund of South Carolina, so as to reduce the number of board members from nineteen to eleven, TO provide for appointment of those members by the Governor with the advice and consent of the senate, TO provide requirements for the appointment of the members, and TO establish a four‑year term.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Veterans' Trust Fund

SECTION 1. Section 25‑21‑20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 25‑21‑20. (A) There is created the Board of Trustees for the Veterans’ Trust Fund of South Carolina composed of eleven voting members. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint the board consisting of seven members selected at large, two members currently serving as county veterans’ affairs officers, and two members who represent veterans’ service organizations. Of the seven members appointed at large, three must come from a rural county as designated by the U.S. Census Bureau. Of the eleven appointed members, at least six must be United States Armed Forces veterans. Any veteran who serves on the board, must have been honorably discharged from the armed services. No more than one appointed member may reside in the same county. The Secretary of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs shall serve as the Executive Director of the Trust Fund and an ex officio non‑voting member of the board. The members of the board shall elect officers from among themselves as necessary and shall utilize the staff of the Veterans’ Affairs Department in order to carry out its duties, as provided in Section 25‑21‑30.

(B) Individuals appointed at large by the Governor shall serve four‑year terms, and the remaining initial appointees shall serve two‑year terms. Upon the expiration of the terms of those members initially appointed, the term of office for the members of the board is four years, and until their successors are appointed and qualify. Members may succeed themselves; however, no member may serve more than two consecutive terms or eight continuous years, whichever is greater. A member shall not serve on the board in a hold‑over capacity at the conclusion of his term for more than 180 days. Vacancies on the board must be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment for the unexpired term.

(C) Members of the board who are not full‑time employees of the State of South Carolina or any of its political subdivisions may be paid per diem, mileage, and subsistence at rates established by the board, not to exceed standards provided by law for state boards, commissions, and committees. Per diem, mileage, and subsistence may be paid to members of the board only for travel and costs incurred due to meetings of the board.

(D) A complete report of the activities of the Veterans’ Trust Fund must be made to the General Assembly annually.

Time effective

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 17th day of May, 2023.

Approved the 19th day of May, 2023.

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