

Fiscal Estimate - 2011 Session

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LRB Number 11-1026/3	Introduction Number AB-0096
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Description
 The composition of the Board of Veterans Affairs, the appointment of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and promulgating rules for the Department of Veterans Affairs

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		

Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate		
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue		
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue		
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	20.485 (1)(gk), 20.485 (2)(u), 20.485 (3)(s)

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill makes several changes to current law related to the appointment of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs; the composition of the State of Wisconsin Board of Veterans Affairs; and promulgating rules for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Appointment of Secretary

Under this bill the Governor would appoint the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Currently, the Department Secretary is appointed by the State of Wisconsin Board of Veterans Affairs (Board). Before appointing the Secretary, the Governor must personally consult with the presiding officers of at least six Wisconsin veterans organizations. Any incumbent holding the Office of Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the effective date of this subsection shall cease to hold office on that date and another Secretary will be nominated under the new process. Provisions of the bill relating to the appointment of the Secretary are assumed to have no state fiscal effect.

Composition of Board

Under this bill the Board is expanded to nine members, one from each of Wisconsin's eight congressional districts and one serving at large, an increase of two members from the current law total of seven. All Board members must have served on active duty, but need not have served in any particular war or conflict, whereas current law requires at least two Vietnam veterans. The term of an appointment to the Board is reduced in length from 6 to 3 years. Provisions of the bill relating to the composition of the Board are estimated to increase costs to the Department by up to \$13,000 over current and prior year Board travel costs based on an increased travel costs related to the number of Board members traveling to bi-monthly board meetings, the geographical dispersion of the members and, therefore, distance traveled, and an increase in the frequency of new Board member orientations.

Powers of Board

Under this bill, rule-making authority is transferred to the Secretary from the Board, although the Secretary would have to consult the Board prior to enactment of administrative rules. Provisions of the bill relating to the change in rule-making authority are assumed to have no state fiscal effect.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications