

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE BILL NO. 76

Introduced by: Senators Turbak Berry, Abdallah, Adelstein, Bradford, Brown, Dempster, Fryslie, Gray, Heidepriem, Jerstad, Knudson, Maher, Nesselhuf, Novstrup (Al), and Vehle and Representatives Turbiville, Brunner, Faehn, Gosch, Hunhoff (Bernie), Iron Cloud III, Lust, Nygaard, Solberg, Solum, and Thompson

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise the composition of the State Veterans'  
2 Commission.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 33-16-4 be amended to read as follows:

5 33-16-4. There is a Veterans' Commission, consisting of ~~six~~ seven members to be appointed  
6 ~~by the Governor~~ as follows:

7 (1) The Governor shall appoint four members at large, at least one of whom shall be an  
8 enrolled member of a South Dakota Indian tribe;

9 (2) One member shall be appointed by the Department of South Dakota American  
10 Legion;

11 (3) One member shall be appointed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department South  
12 Dakota; and

13 (4) One member shall be appointed by the Disabled American Veterans Department of



1           South Dakota.

2           Members of the commission shall be citizens of the United States and of South Dakota; and  
3 shall be veterans who have been discharged from the armed forces honorably or under honorable  
4 conditions. ~~Annual~~

5           The terms of members of the commission in office on July 1, 2010, continue until January 1,  
6 2011, at which time their terms end. Seven members to the commission shall be appointed as  
7 provided in this section to terms that begin January 1, 2011. The appointments may include  
8 former or currently serving commission members. The terms of the appointments shall be as  
9 follows: two of the Governor's appointments are for six-year terms, two of the Governor's  
10 appointments are for five-year terms, the two appointments by the American Legion and the  
11 Veterans of Foreign Wars are for four-year terms, and the appointment by the Disabled  
12 American Veterans is for a three-year term. Subsequent appointments shall be made for terms  
13 of six years. In the event of death or a vacancy on the commission from any cause, a successor  
14 shall be appointed to fill out the unexpired term. The commission members shall annually  
15 choose a ~~chairman and vice-chairman~~ chair and vice chair from the commission membership.