



2024 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1007

Introduced by: The Chair of the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs at the request of the Department of Veterans Affairs

1 **An Act to amend the requirement to employ a county veterans' service officer.**

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

3 **Section 1. That § 33A-1-22 be AMENDED:**

4 **33A-1-22.** The board of county commissioners of each county in this state shall
 5 employ ~~or a county veterans' service officer,~~ join with another county or counties in
 6 employing a county veterans' service officer ~~who, before such employment takes effect,~~
 7 ~~is approved by the state secretary of veterans affairs. The county veteran's service~~
 8 ~~officer's first appointment ends on the first Monday in January of the second year~~
 9 ~~subsequent to the year of the appointment. The county veteran's service officer may be~~
 10 ~~reappointed for terms of four years for each term. The appointment is subject to removal~~
 11 ~~by the board or boards of county commissioners upon the recommendation of the state~~
 12 ~~secretary of veterans' affairs or for cause,~~ or contract with the Department of Veterans
 13 Affairs, to provide services as required by § 33A-1-24. Employment as a county veterans
 14 service officer is contingent upon approval by the secretary of veterans affairs.

15 **Section 2. That § 33A-1-29 be AMENDED:**

16 **33A-1-29.** An Indian tribes tribe, as defined in subdivision 2-14-2(14), may
 17 appoint a veterans' service officers officer who shall serve under the same terms and
 18 conditions as a county veterans' service officers officer, as provided for in §§ 33A-1-22 to
 19 33A-1-28, inclusive, or may contract with the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide
 20 the services of a veterans' service officer pursuant to § 33A-1-24. Such officers shall be
 21 known as tribal veterans' service officers.