

HOUSE BILL NO. 1429

Introduced by

Representative Boehning

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 37-14-18 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to county veterans' service officers.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-14-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **37-14-18. County veterans' service officer - Appointment - Duties.**

7 The board of county commissioners of each county of ~~the~~this state of North Dakota shall
8 appoint, employ, and pay, on a full-time or part-time basis, an officer to be known as a county
9 veterans' service officer. The veterans' affairs commissioner ~~may~~shall work directly with county
10 veterans' service officers and the board of county commissioners of each county of this state.

11 An individual may serve as a county veterans' service officer in more than one county. The
12 appointment must be made with the prior advice of the commissioner of veterans' affairs, and in
13 accordance with veterans' preference as provided in section 37-19.1-02. ~~By August 1, 2011,~~

14 all~~Each~~In addition to any recommended qualifications or standards made by the commissioner
15 of veterans' affairs to the board of county commissioners and adopted by the board, and any
16 training, certification, and accreditation required by the commissioner of veterans' affairs, to be
17 qualified for the position, a county veterans' service officers~~officer~~ must be accreditedattend
18 training provided by the national association of county veterans' service officers. ~~It is the duty of~~

19 ~~the~~The county veterans' service officer ~~to~~shall become acquainted with the laws, both state and
20 federal, enacted for the benefit of returning servicemen and servicewomen to assist ~~such~~
21 returning members of the armed forces in the presentation, proof, and establishment of
22 ~~such~~their claims, privileges, and rights ~~as they have. It also is the duty of the.~~ The county
23 veterans' service officer ~~to~~shall actively cooperate with and to coordinate the activities of the
24 state and federal agencies within the county ~~which~~ the officer serves to facilitate ~~their~~the

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1 agencies' operation and ensure promptness in the solution of the problems concerned with the
2 reestablishment of returning servicemen and servicewomen in civilian pursuits. A county
3 veterans' service officer may not serve as a conservator for an individual who is receiving
4 benefits or services from the department of veterans' affairs or the United States department of
5 veterans' affairs, except if the individual is the spouse or an immediate family member of the
6 officer, or unless the conservator is appointed by the county under chapter 11-21.