

2023 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1051**AMENDMENT 1051A FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to require counties to hire veteran service officers in proportion to the**
2 **number of veterans residing in the county.**

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

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

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

14 The board of county commissioners in a county with ~~a resident veteran population~~
15 greater more than one thousand five hundred and less fewer than four thousand resident
16 veterans, as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, shall employ
17 a minimum of one full-time dedicated county veterans' service officer.

18 The board of county commissioners in a county with one thousand five hundred or
19 fewer resident veterans, as determined by the United States Department of Veterans
20 Affairs, shall employ a minimum of one part-time dedicated county veterans' service
21 officer, but may employ a full-time dedicated county veterans' service officer for the
22 county or join with another county or with other counties to employ a full-time dedicated
23 county veterans' service officer. The total combined population of resident veterans in the
24 counties joining together to employ a county veterans' service officer shall determine the
25 minimum number of full-time dedicated county veterans' service officers employed by the
26 counties.

1 The board of county commissioners in a county with ~~a resident veteran population~~
2 of more than four thousand ~~or more~~ resident veterans, as determined by the United States
3 Department of Veterans Affairs, shall employ a minimum of two full-time dedicated county
4 veterans' service officers, and shall employ an additional full-time dedicated veterans'
5 service officer for every additional four thousand veterans residing in the county.
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