

**Chapter 124**  
**(House Bill 1007)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Signed February 27, 2024**

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