

CHAPTER 271

MILITARY AND VETERANS

HOUSE BILL 00-1161

BY REPRESENTATIVES McElhany, Clarke, Coleman, Gordon, McKay, Nuñez, Scott, and Tochtrop;
also SENATORS Tebedo, Congrove, Epps, Hernandez, Musgrave, and Thiebaut.

AN ACT

CONCERNING GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 26-10-108 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

26-10-108. Assistance to county veterans service officers. (1) (a) The division shall provide satisfactory supervision, direction, and assistance to all county veterans service officers and shall provide such services and facilities to the county veterans service officers as may be determined by the division to be necessary. Out of any moneys appropriated by the general assembly to the division for veterans' affairs purposes, the division is authorized to issue vouchers for the semiannual payment to the general fund of each county, to be disbursed upon the authority of the county commissioners thereof, only for the purposes of this article and of article 9 of this title, of an amount equal to the amount such county commissioners may have authorized to be disbursed out of other moneys in such county general fund for such purposes for that period. ~~but in no event shall any such semiannual payment be less than fifty dollars or more than two hundred dollars per month for any county with a full-time veterans service officer or less than fifty dollars or more than one hundred dollars per month for any county with a part-time veterans service officer;~~ THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ANNUALLY ESTABLISH IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL THE RATE OF STATE FUNDED PAYMENTS FOR FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS; except that, if a county is receiving payments under paragraph (b) of this subsection (1) for a veterans service office established for adjacent counties, the payment ~~may not be less than~~ SHALL BE the total of the ~~minimum semiannual payments or more than the total of the maximum semiannual payments~~ for the counties that have jointly formed the veterans service office.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

SECTION 2. Effective date. This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution; except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

Approved: May 26, 2000