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Chapter No.: 195

Prime Sponsor: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Interim Committee

Catch Title: Veterans preference.

Subject: Veterans Preference.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Under current law, veterans and widows of veterans receive a hiring preference in public employment and on public works based on a point system.
- This bill amends the preference in public employment for veterans and surviving spouses of veterans to an interview preference. The bill provides to veterans and surviving spouses of veterans an advantage of five percent when a public department uses a numerical scoring system prior to the interview process and ten percent for disabled veterans when a public department uses a numerical scoring system prior to the interview process.
- When a public department does not use a numerical scoring system, the advantage given to veterans and surviving spouses of veterans must reasonably approximate the five or ten percent advantage described above.
- The bill amends the veterans who may qualify for the advantage. Under current law, veterans are those who served for the U.S. military in a war or conflict. Under the bill, a veteran is a U.S. military service member honorably discharged. The bill also amends the existing residency requirement for veterans.

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