

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to veterans; changing certain qualifications for service on the Minnesota  
1.3 Veterans Homes Board and service as the board's executive director; amending  
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 198.002, subdivision 2; 198.004, subdivision  
1.5 1.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 198.002, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Membership.** The board consists of nine voting members appointed by the  
1.9 governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The members of the board shall fairly  
1.10 represent the geographic areas of the state. The members are:

1.11 (1) a chair, who must be designated by the governor, and who must be a veteran as  
1.12 that term is defined in section 197.447; and

1.13 (2) ~~three~~ eight public members experienced in policy formulation with professional  
1.14 experience in health care delivery; ~~and.~~

1.15 ~~(3) At least five public members experienced in policy formulation with professional~~  
1.16 ~~experience in health care delivery who are~~ must be members of congressionally chartered  
1.17 veterans organizations or their auxiliaries that have a statewide organizational structure  
1.18 and state level officers in Minnesota.

1.19 The commissioner of veterans affairs shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member  
1.20 of the board. From each house of the legislature, the chair of the committee that deals  
1.21 with veterans affairs or the chair's designee shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member  
1.22 ~~if that person is a veteran~~ of the board.

1.23 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 198.004, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**S.F. No. 2059, 2nd Engrossment - 85th Legislative Session (2007-2008)**

2.1 Subdivision 1. **Appointment.** (a) The board shall appoint an executive director. The  
2.2 executive director shall serve in the unclassified service at the pleasure of the board. The  
2.3 executive director must be a resident of the state of Minnesota, ~~a~~ and citizen of the United  
2.4 States, ~~and~~. Preferably, the executive director shall be a veteran as that term is defined  
2.5 in section 197.447, but it is not required that the person be a veteran. The executive  
2.6 director shall serve as secretary of the board.

2.7 (b) When selecting an executive director, the board shall give preference to qualified  
2.8 applicants who are veterans by initially placing only the names of qualified applicants  
2.9 who are veterans on the selection list for final consideration. If the list contains fewer  
2.10 than three qualified applicants who are veterans, the names of qualified applicants who  
2.11 are not veterans shall be added to the list. The board shall then select the most qualified  
2.12 applicant from the list. At any point in the executive director selection process, if the  
2.13 board concludes that no applicant is sufficiently qualified for the position, the board may  
2.14 reopen the application process.