

A bill for an act
relating to veterans; specifying the county in which a new veterans cemetery
must be located; amending Laws 2010, chapter 333, article 2, section 23.

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

Section 1. Laws 2010, chapter 333, article 2, section 23, is amended to read:

Sec. 23. PLANNING NEW VETERANS CEMETERIES.

The commissioner of veterans affairs shall determine a suitable site and plan for
three new state veterans cemeteries, one to be located in northeastern Minnesota, one to be
located in ~~southeastern Minnesota~~ Fillmore County, and one to be located in southwestern
Minnesota. In determining the site for a cemetery, the commissioner shall consider
available public land options and shall seek proposals for donated land from interested
counties, local communities, civic organizations, veterans service organizations, and
individuals.

The commissioner's planning process for a state veterans cemetery must include, at a
minimum, the following actions:

- (1) determining the need for the cemetery;
- (2) investigating the availability of suitable land for the cemetery;
- (3) assessment of impacts of the cemetery;
- (4) encouragement of support from veteran service organizations and local
governments; and
- (5) preparation and submission of a preapplication for a grant from the United States
Department of Veterans Affairs for commitment of funding for establishing the cemetery.

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- 2.1 By January 15, 2011, the commissioner shall report to the chair and ranking minority
- 2.2 member of the house of representatives and senate committees having responsibility for
- 2.3 veterans affairs with a report of the commissioner's progress in implementing this section.