A Bill

By: Senator J. English

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS;
TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT
REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE DIRECTOR AND
OF VETERANS’ CLAIMS SPECIALISTS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-81-103(c), concerning the qualifications
required for the director and employees of the Department of Veterans
Affairs, is amended to read as follows:
(c) The director shall maintain his or her office in space provided by
the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Benefit Office
Building in Little Rock, Arkansas, and may establish, maintain, and operate
such other district offices within the State of Arkansas as may be necessary.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-81-103(e)(1), concerning the
qualifications required for the director and employees of the Department of
Veterans Affairs, is amended to read as follows:
(e)(1) All veterans’ claims specialists shall have served in the
United States Armed Forces during armed conflict, as set forth by Congress, and shall have been honorably discharged therefrom. They shall have been citizens of the State of Arkansas for a period of three (3) years prior to appointment.

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