

**NINETY-EIGHTH NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
August 30, 31, September 1, 2016**

**Resolution No. 72: Oppose Efforts to Change the Residency Requirements for State  
Directors of the Veterans' Employment and Training Service**

**Origin: Texas**

**Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Employment & Education**

WHEREAS, The United States government has recognized that the employment of veterans is a national priority and responsibility; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment & Training Service has done a satisfactory job of promoting the employment of veterans and protecting the right of veterans to employment across the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, It is essential that each state director have a comprehensive knowledge of the state economy, veterans service organizations, including The American Legion, local service providers, and each state's workforce agency; and

WHEREAS, Each state director must have a strong cohesive relationship with state workforce agency; therefore, in most cases the state directors are hired from the state workforce agency; and

WHEREAS, Title 38, United States Code 4103 (s) (2) requires each director for Veterans' Employment and Training for a state shall, at the time of appointment, have been a bona fide resident of the state for at least two years; and

WHEREAS, The residency requirement as stated in Title 38, United States Code, has served this nation well and has enhanced the success of all programs administered by the Veterans' Employment and Training Services; and

WHEREAS, For many years The American Legion has been a strong supporter of keeping the residency requirement part of federal law; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 30, 31, September 1, 2016, That The American Legion vigorously oppose any effort to change the current law that requires the residency requirement for state directors in the Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service.**