

**ONE-HUNDREDTH NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
August 28, 29, 30, 2018**

**Resolution No. 49: Exempt Certain Income From VA Pension Rate Determination  
Origin: Illinois  
Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation  
(As Amended)**

WHEREAS, The American Legion is a national organization of veterans who have dedicated themselves to the service of their community, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Serving on jury duty is a civic obligation, which all citizens, when called, should take very seriously; and

WHEREAS, At many polling places, there is a shortage of needed supervisory personnel and serving as an election judge helps insure a fair and impartial election process; and

WHEREAS, Veterans and surviving spouses in receipt of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) pension benefits under Public Law (PL) 95-588 must report all income received from outside sources, since this directly affects the amount of VA pension to which they are entitled; and

WHEREAS, The amount of financial remuneration received from these types of civic activities is relatively small, but it can result in the reduction in monthly benefits, dollar for dollar, or the complete loss of entitlement to pension; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 28, 29, 30, 2018, That The American Legion shall support legislation to exempt income received from jury duty and income from service as an election judge in determining the Department of Veterans Affairs pension rate under PL 95-588.**