

**Tyler County
Veterans Service Officer Appointment Policy**

Tyler County *shall give preference* in appointing a Veterans Service Officer to veterans who qualify for a veteran's employment preference under Chapter 657.

Amended by S.B. 601, effective 09/01/19

TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

TITLE 4. EXECUTIVE BRANCH

SUBTITLE C. STATE MILITARY FORCES AND VETERANS

CHAPTER 434. VETERAN ASSISTANCE AGENCIES

SUBCHAPTER B. VETERANS COUNTY SERVICE OFFICES

SECTION 6, Section 434.033, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b) To be appointed as an officer a person must:

(1) be qualified by education and training for the duties of the office; and

(2) be experienced in the law, regulations, and rulings of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs controlling cases that come before the commission[; ~~and~~

~~(3) have the service experience specified by Subsection (c) or be:~~

~~(A) a widowed Gold Star Mother or unremarried widow of a serviceman or veteran whose death resulted from service;~~

~~(B) the spouse of a disabled veteran who has a total disability rating based either on having a service connected disability with a disability rating of 100 percent or on individual unemployability; or~~

~~(C) the spouse of a retired veteran who served a minimum of 20 years on active duty].~~

(b-1) In appointing an officer, the commissioners court shall give preference to a veteran who qualifies for a veteran's employment preference under Chapter 657. A commissioners court shall adopt and implement a county policy to give preference in appointing officers to veterans.

* For clarification: the wording of S.B. 601 allows for the appointment (hiring) of a non-veteran as the Veterans Service Officer, but requires that the County adopt a policy to give preference to qualifying veterans.