OLR Bill Analysis
HB 6427

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND
BYLAWS OF THE MILITIA UNITS.

SUMMARY
This bill eliminates the requirement that each organization of the state’s armed forces adopt bylaws. Under current law, these bylaws are binding on the members once approved by the adjutant general and regimental or corresponding commander.

The bill instead requires the governor, as commander-in-chief of the state’s militia, to configure and administer the state’s militia units similar to National Guard or federal military units of similar composition, size, and purpose. It also allows the adjutant general to issue bylaws, regulations, orders, and circulars to administer the militia units.

The bill also eliminates current provisions related to the bylaws, including those on the (1) collection of fines and dues, (2) leadership of associations created in the bylaws, and (3) election and bond requirements of the organization’s treasurer.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2021

COMMITTEE ACTION
Veterans’ Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 14  Nay 3  (03/18/2021)