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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 21-158—HB 6427**

*Veterans' Affairs Committee*

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

**SUMMARY:** This act eliminates the requirement that each organization of the state's armed forces adopt bylaws. Under prior law, these bylaws were binding on the members once approved by the adjutant general and regimental or corresponding commander.

The act instead requires the governor, as commander-in-chief of the state's militia, to configure and administer the state's militia units like 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 act also eliminates provisions related to the bylaws, including those on the (1) collection of fines and dues imposed by the bylaws, (2) leadership of associations created in the bylaws, and (3) election and bond requirements of the organization's treasurer.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2021