

## **Texas Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations (VAMI)**

### **Job Opening**

#### **General Description:**

Senator Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio is seeking a policy analyst for the committee. The analyst will serve as an advisor to the committee members on policy areas affecting veterans and their families. The position is for the duration of the 81st Legislative Session, with the potential for consideration of long-term employment.

#### **Job Summary:**

The Policy Analyst performs responsible analysis of policies and provides legislative support work for a committee office of the Texas Senate. The Policy Analyst assists the Committee Director with various functions of the committee including conducting hearings and compiling the interim report. The Policy Analyst works under the immediate direction of the Committee Director, Committee Chair, Legislative Director, and Chief of Staff with latitude for exercising initiative and independent judgment. The Policy Analyst's work is subject to periodic review and approval by the supervisor.

**Salary:** Commensurate with experience

#### **Job Qualifications :**

- Provide advice and information, research, and prepare briefing documents on bills for the Senator
- Perform examination, review, and analysis of bills and budgets before the Senate
- Meet with interested parties and visitors
- Draft bills, amendments, and riders for legislative consideration
- Negotiate with other legislative offices
- Respond to constituent inquiries
- Track legislative activities
- Staff the Senator at meetings, events, committee hearings, and Senate sessions
- Assume responsibility for post session follow up on bills (i.e. rulemaking process)
- Prepare the Senator for meetings, speaking engagements, which may include production of power point presentations, talking points, handouts, etc.
- Perform highly responsible administrative functions relating to the timely and appropriate handling of public inquiries and requests for assistance
- Assist the Senator in a variety of administrative matters requiring a thorough understanding of the policies and programs unique to the legislative process
- Work closely with local, regional, and state entities
- Serve as liaison to assigned committees
- Serve as point of contact and represent the Senator on assigned legislative issues

#### **Credentials, Knowledge, Skills, Experience, and Abilities:**

- Should have experience/knowledge of routine computer programs
- Should have interest/knowledge of the Texas legislative process, able to work well independently and with other office staff and interns
- Should have the ability to communicate effectively with people of prominence and public importance, members of the public, other members and staff, and other elected officials
- Should have office experience, superior writing and speaking skills, computer literacy, research and analysis experience, management training, and flexibility
- Bachelors degree preferred (cumulative work and life experience may suffice)

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**Special Requirements:**

- Work in Austin office (capitol)
- Adhere to Senator Leticia Van de Putte's Office Handbook and "Other General Office Duties for All Staff"

\* This list is not all-inclusive. Flexibility is a must. This list only acts as preliminary notice that all staff are expected to engage in various duties which are not necessarily included in a specific job description, but are necessary to the operations of this office.

**IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL APPLICANTS: *Only applicants scheduled for interviews will be contacted.***

*If you are scheduled for an interview and require any reasonable accommodation in our interview process, please inform us when you are called to schedule your interview. Whenever possible, please give us sufficient time to consider and respond to your request. Thank you for considering employment with Senator Van de Putte! The Senator's office is at all times an equal employment opportunity employer adhering to the at-will employment status recognized in the State of Texas.*

**Application process:**

**Please submit by AUGUST 8th:**

- (1) resume
- (2) writing sample
- (3) 2 recommendation forms - see linked forms.

To Ida Garcia, Legislative Director, at:

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