



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5126.021 Membership of county boards.

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(A) Each county board of developmental disabilities shall consist of seven members. The board of county commissioners of the county shall appoint five members and the senior probate judge of the county shall appoint two members.

(B) Beginning July 1, 2025, when making initial appointments to a county board of developmental disabilities, and when making an appointment to fill a vacancy pursuant to section 5126.027 of the Revised Code, an appointing authority shall do all of the following:

(1) Appoint only individuals who are adult residents of the county the appointing authority serves, citizens of the United States, and interested and knowledgeable in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities and other allied fields;

(2) Place emphasis on appointing individuals with developmental disabilities and family members of individuals with developmental disabilities;

(3) Place emphasis on appointing individuals who have professional training and experience in business management, finance, law, health care practice, personnel administration, or government service;

(4) Place emphasis on appointing individuals who reflect, as nearly as possible, the composition of the county that the county board serves.

(C) If the appointing authority is a board of county commissioners, the board of county commissioners shall appoint the following:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, at least one individual with developmental disabilities;



(2) At least one individual who is a family member of an individual with developmental disabilities.

(D)(1) If the appointing authority is a senior probate judge, the senior probate judge shall appoint at least one individual with developmental disabilities or an immediate family member of an individual eligible for residential services or supported living.

(2) If a senior probate judge appoints an individual with developmental disabilities under division (D)(1) of this section, that appointment satisfies the requirement under division (C)(1) of this section that a board of county commissioners appoint at least one such individual.

(E) An appointing authority's unfilled vacancy does not prohibit that appointing authority from filling other vacancies on the county board of developmental disabilities.