



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4725.031 State vision professionals board.

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Legislation: House Bill 49 - 132nd General Assembly

(A) There is hereby created the state vision professionals board consisting of the following members, appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate:

- (1) Four individuals licensed as optometrists under this chapter;
- (2) Two individuals licensed as licensed dispensing opticians under this chapter;
- (3) One individual representing the general public.

(B) Not later than ninety days after the effective date of this section, the governor shall make initial appointments to the board. Of the initial appointments, three members shall serve terms ending March 22, 2019, two members shall serve terms ending March 22, 2020, and two members shall serve terms ending March 22, 2021.

Thereafter, terms of office are three years, with each term commencing on the twenty-third day of March and ending on the twenty-second day of March. Each member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed, except that a member shall continue in office after the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office. No member shall serve more than three consecutive terms.

Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of that term.

(C) When the term of a member of the board expires or a vacancy occurs on the board, a professional association representing the interests of the occupation of the board position to be filled may recommend to the governor individuals to fill the position. The governor shall consider the recommendation in making appointments to the board.



(D) No individual may be appointed to the board who has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States.

The governor may remove a member of the board for malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance after a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The governor shall remove, after a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, any member who has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States.