



Ohio Revised Code

Section 175.03 Members - appointment - terms - compensation.

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(A)(1) The Ohio housing finance agency consists of eleven voting members and four nonvoting members. The governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint nine of the voting members. The other two voting members are the director of commerce and the director of development or their respective designees. The four nonvoting members shall be two members of the house of representatives, one from each major political party, to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and two members of the senate, one from each major political party, to be appointed by the president of the senate.

(2) The governor shall appoint one member with experience in residential housing construction; one with experience in residential housing mortgage lending, loan servicing, or brokering at an institution insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation; one with experience in the licensed residential housing brokerage business; one with experience with the housing needs of senior citizens; one with a background in labor representation in the construction industry; one to represent the interests of nonprofit multifamily housing development organizations; one to represent the interests of for-profit multifamily housing development organizations; and two who are public members.

(3) The governor shall receive recommendations from the Ohio housing council for appointees to represent the interests of nonprofit multifamily housing development organizations and for-profit multifamily housing development organizations.

(4) Not more than six of the appointed voting members of the agency may be of the same political party.

(B)(1) Of the initial appointments the governor makes, one member representing the public has an initial term ending January 31, 2010, the other member representing the public has an initial term ending January 31, 2008, the member with a background in labor representation in the construction industry has an initial term ending January 31, 2011, the member with experience in residential housing mortgage lending, loan servicing, or brokering has an initial term ending January 31, 2008,



the member with experience with the housing needs of senior citizens has an initial term ending January 31, 2006, the member representing the interests of nonprofit multifamily housing development organizations has an initial term ending January 31, 2007, the member representing the interests of for-profit multifamily housing development organizations has an initial term ending January 31, 2006, and the member with experience in residential housing construction and the member with experience in licensed residential housing brokerage each has an initial term ending January 31, 2009. Thereafter, each appointed voting member shall serve for a term of six years with each term ending on the thirty-first day of January, six years following the termination date of the term it succeeds. There is no limit on the number of terms a member may serve.

(2) Each appointed voting member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which the member is appointed. Each nonvoting member shall hold office until the end of that member's term as a member of the general assembly. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of a term continues in office for the remainder of that term. Any appointed member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office or until sixty days have elapsed, whichever occurs first.

(3) The governor may remove an appointed voting member from office for misfeasance, nonfeasance, or malfeasance in office. The speaker of the house of representatives may remove a member that is a member of the house of representatives, and the president of the senate may remove a member that is a senator.

(C)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, members and agency employees shall comply with Chapter 102. and sections 2921.42 and 2921.43 of the Revised Code.

(2) An agency member who is a director, officer, employee, or owner of a lending institution is not in violation of Chapter 102. and is not subject to section 2921.42 of the Revised Code with respect to a loan to an applicant from the lending institution or a contract between the agency and the lending institution for the purchase, administration, or servicing of loans if the member abstains from participation in any matter that affects the interests of the member's lending institution.

(3) An agency member who represents multifamily housing interests is not in violation of division (D) or (E) of section 102.03 or division (A) of section 2921.42 of the Revised Code in regard to a



contract the agency enters into if both of the following apply:

(a) The contract is entered into for a loan, grant, or participation in a program the agency administers or funds and the contract is awarded pursuant to rules or guidelines the agency adopts.

(b) The member does not participate in the discussion or vote on the contract if the contract secures a grant or loan that directly benefits the member, a family member, or a business associate of the member.

(4)(a) Each appointed voting agency member shall receive compensation at the rate of two hundred fifty dollars per agency meeting attended in person, not to exceed a maximum of four thousand dollars per year.

(b) The compensation rate for appointed voting members applies until six years after July 1, 2005, at which time the members may increase the compensation for members who are appointed or reappointed after that time. All voting members are entitled to reimbursement in accordance with section 126.31 of the Revised Code for expenses incurred in the discharge of official duties.