Ohio Revised Code
Section 4715.037 Appointment of referees or examiners; terms.
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(A) Notwithstanding the permissive nature of hearing referee or examiner appointments under section 119.09 of the Revised Code, the state dental board shall appoint, by a concurrence of a majority of its members, three referees or examiners to conduct the hearings the board is required to hold pursuant to sections 119.01 to 119.13 of the Revised Code. Referees or examiners appointed under this section shall be attorneys who have been admitted to the practice of law in this state. In making the appointments, the board shall not appoint an attorney who is a board employee or represents the board in any other manner.

(B)(1) Referees or examiners appointed under this section shall serve not more than the following number of consecutive one-year terms:

(a) In the case of the first initial appointee, six;

(b) In the case of the second initial appointee, seven;

(c) In the case of the third initial appointee and all successor appointees, eight.

(2) The board may not refuse to reappoint a referee or examiner before the referee or examiner has served the maximum number of terms applicable to the referee or examiner unless the referee or examiner does not seek to serve the maximum number of terms or the board, by a concurrence of a majority of its members, determines there is cause not to reappoint the referee or examiner.

(C) The board shall assign one referee or examiner appointed under this section to conduct each hearing. Assignments shall be made in the order the board receives requests for hearings without regard to the experience or background of a particular referee or examiner or the consideration of any factor other than whether the referee or examiner is available at the appropriate time.