

SENATE BILL No. 60

January 27, 2009, Introduced by Senators JANSEN, KAHN, BIRKHOLZ, GILBERT and GARCIA and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

A bill to amend 1969 PA 317, entitled
"Worker's disability compensation act of 1969,"
by amending section 209 (MCL 418.209), as added by 1985 PA 103.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 209. (1) The governor shall appoint a ~~6-member~~**10-MEMBER**
2 qualifications advisory committee. **EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2009, AN**
3 **APPOINTEE TO THE QUALIFICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS SUBJECT TO**
4 **THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.** The committee shall consist
5 of persons who have experience in the area of ~~worker's~~**WORKERS'**
6 compensation. Employer interests and employee interests shall be
7 equally represented on the committee.

8 (2) Members shall be appointed for terms of 4 years. ~~except~~
9 ~~that of the members first appointed, 2 shall be appointed for terms~~

1 of 2 years, 2 shall be appointed for terms of 3 years, and 2 shall
 2 be appointed for terms of 4 years. Of the 2 members appointed for
 3 the 2 year, 3 year, and 4 year terms, 1 member representing
 4 employer interests and 1 member representing employee interests
 5 shall be appointed. A member shall not serve beyond the expiration
 6 of his or her term. The initial members shall be appointed not
 7 later than October 1, 1985. **A VACANCY ON THE QUALIFICATIONS**

8 **ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL BE FILLED BY THE GOVERNOR SO THAT EMPLOYER**
 9 **AND EMPLOYEE INTERESTS CONTINUE TO BE EQUALLY REPRESENTED ON THE**
 10 **COMMITTEE AND SHALL BE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM.**

11 (3) A quorum shall consist of 4-6 members. All business of the
 12 committee shall be conducted by not less than a quorum. **THE**
 13 **GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE TO SERVE AS THE**
 14 **COMMITTEE'S CHAIRPERSON AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR.**

15 (4) Members of the qualifications advisory committee shall
 16 serve without compensation, but shall ~~shall~~ **MAY** be reimbursed for all
 17 necessary expenses in connection with the discharge of their
 18 official duties as members of the committee, **SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE**
 19 **APPROPRIATIONS.**

20 (5) Staff and offices for the committee shall be provided by
 21 the bureau ~~bureau~~ **WORKERS' COMPENSATION AGENCY.**

22 (6) The committee shall have the powers and perform the duties
 23 provided for under sections 210, 212, and 274.