

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES (EXCERPT)
Act 196 of 1973

15.344 Board of ethics; appointment, qualifications, and terms of members; vacancies; ex officio members; quorum; action by board; compensation; executive secretary; clerical or administrative assistance.

Sec. 4. (1) The board of ethics shall consist of 7 members appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, 1 of whom shall be designated as chairman and all of whom shall be residents of the state and not associated with public employment. Not more than 4 members of the board shall be members of the same political party. Initial appointments shall be made for terms commencing 30 days after the effective date of this act. Of those first appointed 2 shall serve for 1 year, 2 shall serve for 2 years, and 3 shall serve for 3 years. For the 1 year, 2 year and 3 year terms, at least 1 member for each such term shall be of the same political party. In the event of a vacancy, the governor shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. Subsequent to the initial appointments, members shall be appointed for terms of 4 years.

(2) The attorney general and the state personnel director shall serve ex officio without the right to vote.

(3) Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of 4 members shall be necessary for any action. Members of the board shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. With the consent of the civil service commission, the state personnel director shall designate an employee of the department of civil service, acceptable to the board, to act as executive secretary of the board and shall provide clerical or administrative assistance from the department of civil service as the board may, from time to time, request.

History: 1973, Act 196, Imd. Eff. Jan. 8, 1974.

Compiler's note: Section 191 of Act 227 of the Public Acts of 1975 repealed MCL 4.401 to 4.410, 168.901 to 168.929, 15.321 to 15.330, 15.301 to 15.310, and 15.341 to 15.348. The Michigan Supreme Court, however, in Advisory Opinion on Constitutionality of 1975 PA 227, 396 Mich. 123, 240 N.W.2d 193 (1976), held Act 227 of the Public Acts of 1975 unconstitutional for being in violation of Mich. Const., Art. 4, § 24.