

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 541 of 1978**

\*\*\*\*\* 18.402 THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY AFTER MARCH 30, 1987: See 18.406 \*\*\*\*\*

**18.402 Commission on criminal justice; appointment, qualifications, and terms of members; cessation of membership; vacancy; removal; chairperson and vice-chairperson; frequency of meetings; conducting business at public meeting; notice; quorum; availability of writings to public; expenses; duties of commission; progress report; executive secretary; additional staff; commission as advisory body.**

Sec. 2. (1) Beginning October 1, 1984 the commission on criminal justice shall be within the department of management and budget. Commission budget development, procurement, and related functions shall be performed by the department of management and budget. The commission shall consist of 21 members. The 21 members of the commission shall consist of the following:

(a) Twelve persons appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate as follows:

(i) Ten persons both governmental and nongovernmental who are representative of the state and local criminal justice community and the state and local criminal justice system including those involved in the enforcement of the criminal laws, the defense and advocacy of rights for accused and convicted individuals, the judiciary, community programs for convicted individuals, and educating the public on criminal justice issues.

(ii) Two persons who are representative of the general public and are not involved with criminal justice matters.

(b) Six persons to represent the legislative branch of state government, as follows:

(i) Two persons appointed by the senate majority leader, at least 1 of whom shall not be a legislator.

(ii) Two persons appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, at least 1 of whom shall not be a legislator.

(iii) One person appointed by the senate minority leader.

(iv) One person appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

(c) The attorney general of the state or his or her designee.

(d) The director of the department of state police or his or her designee.

(e) The director of the department of corrections or his or her designee.

(2) A member of the commission who is a public official or the designee of a public official shall cease to be a member of the commission if the person ceases to be a member, officer, or employee of the representative agency. A member of the commission appointed by the governor under subsection (1)(a)(i) who no longer represents the state or local criminal justice community or criminal justice system shall cease to be a member of the commission.

(3) The members of the commission appointed by the governor under subsection (1)(a) shall be appointed for terms of 3 years, except that of the members first appointed, 4 members shall serve for 1 year, 4 members shall serve for 2 years, and 4 members shall serve for 3 years, as designated by the governor. A vacancy caused by expiration of a term shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. A member appointed to fill a vacancy created other than by expiration of a term shall be appointed for the balance of the unexpired term of the member to be succeeded in the same manner as the original appointment. The governor may remove a member for cause which shall be explained in writing to the commission.

(4) The governor shall designate a chairperson of the commission from any of its 21 members. The commission shall elect a member as vice-chairperson.

(5) The commission shall meet at least once every 3 months at the call of the chairperson and the business of the commission shall be conducted at a public meeting held in compliance with the open meetings act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, being sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. Public notice of the time, date, and place of the meeting shall be given in the manner required by Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976. A quorum shall consist of 11 members. A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the commission in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with the freedom of information act, Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. A member of the commission shall not receive per diem for attendance at a meeting but shall receive expenses as shall be established annually by the legislature.

(6) The commission shall recommend goals, priorities, and standards for the reduction of crime and the improvement of the administration of justice in the state; conduct studies, propose legislation, and adopt resolutions and policy statements; consult with the judicial coordinating committee; and develop and approve

a plan for adult criminal justice that shall include an analysis of existing criminal justice data, an assessment of statewide sentencing and release practices, an assessment of the utilization and adequacy of existing jail and prison capacities, community corrections programs, and programs directed toward crime control, and an assessment of public attitudes and public education regarding criminal justice issues.

(7) The commission, within 3 months of the expiration of the state's fiscal year, shall report to the governor and the legislature on the progress being made in the implementation of the commission's policies and priorities.

(8) The commission shall appoint an executive secretary. The additional staff necessary to fulfill the functions of the commission under this act shall be provided by the office.

(9) The commission shall act as an advisory body to the executive branch of state government regarding adult criminal justice matters. The commission may be requested by the legislative and judicial branches of state government to provide advice to them regarding adult criminal justice matters.

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