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SB 1257: state liquor board; membership

Sponsor: Senator Mesnard, LD 17

Transmitted to the Governor

Overview

Requires a member of the State Liquor Board (Board) to be a current elected municipal official.

History

The Department of Liquor Licenses and Control consists of the Board and the Office of the Director. The Board is responsible for granting and denying spirituous liquor license applications, adopting rules and hearing appeals on decisions made by the Director. The Board may reverse, modify or affirm decisions made by the Director (A.R.S. §§ [4-112](#) and [4-210.02](#)).

The Board membership consists of seven members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Five members cannot be financially interested directly or indirectly in business licensed to deal with spirituous liquors. Two members must currently be engaged in the spirituous liquor industry or have been engaged in the past, one of whom must currently be a retail licensee or employee of a retail licensee. One member must be a member of a recognized neighborhood association recognized by a county, city or town.

The members serve three-year terms, which expire on the third Monday in January of the appropriate year. All members must be Arizona residents for at least five years and be registered with the same political party or as an independent for at least two years preceding appointment. No more than four members may be of the same political party and no more than three members may be appointed from the same county ([A.R.S. § 4-111](#)).

Currently, there are four vacancies on the [Board](#).

Provisions

1. Requires one of the five Board members who may not be financially interested in business licensed to deal with spirituous liquors to be a current elected municipal official. (Sec. 1)
2. Allows all persons serving as members of the Board on the effective date of this act to continue to serve until the expiration of their normal terms. (Sec. 2)
3. Directs the Governor to make all subsequent appointments. (Sec. 2)
4. Removes archaic language. (Sec. 1)
5. Makes technical changes. (Sec. 1)

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