



General Assembly

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AN ACT CONCERNING GENDER AND RACIAL DIVERSITY ON CERTAIN STATE APPOINTIVE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS AND AN ONLINE SYSTEM FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS WITHIN THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 4-9b of the general statutes
2 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2021*):

4 (a) (1) (A) [Appointing] Prior to January 1, 2025, appointing
5 authorities, in cooperation with one another, shall make a good faith
6 effort to ensure that, to the extent possible, the membership, except the
7 ex-officio membership, of each state appointive board, commission,
8 committee and council having members appointed by the Governor or
9 appointed by members of the General Assembly is qualified and closely
10 reflects the gender and racial diversity of the state.

11 (B) On and after January 1, 2025, appointing authorities, in
12 cooperation with one another, shall ensure that the membership, except
13 the ex-officio membership, of each state appointive board, commission,
14 committee and council having members appointed by the Governor or
15 appointed by members of the General Assembly is qualified and reflects

16 the gender and racial diversity of the state according to the most recent
17 United States Census Bureau Equal Employment Opportunity
18 Tabulation.

19 (2) If there are multiple appointing authorities for [a] any board,
20 commission, committee or council described in subdivision (1) of this
21 subsection, the appointing authorities shall inform each other of their
22 appointees or planned appointees in order to facilitate compliance with
23 this section.

24 (3) Appointing authorities for any board, commission, committee or
25 council described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall (A) consider
26 each recommendation for appointment of a member to any such board,
27 commission, council or other agency made by any community or other
28 similar organization representing the interests of gender or racial
29 diversity, and (B) make a good faith effort to seek out individuals for
30 such appointment that reflect such diversity. The Commissioner of
31 Administrative Services shall develop public education and outreach
32 strategies with such community or other similar organizations to
33 increase awareness of, and recruit diverse applicants for, such
34 appointments.

35 (b) (1) [The] At the time of a member's appointment to any state
36 appointive board, commission, committee or council described in
37 subsection (a) of this section, the appointing authority for such member
38 shall provide to the Secretary of the State data concerning such
39 member's gender and race. In addition, the executive officer or
40 chairperson of each such state appointive board, commission,
41 committee and council, [having members appointed by the Governor or
42 appointed by members of the General Assembly,] except committees
43 whose membership consists solely of members of the General
44 Assembly, shall report in writing to the Secretary of the State on or after
45 September first, but not later than October 1, 1993, and biennially
46 thereafter, [(1)] (A) the number of members of such body, and [(2)] (B)
47 the composition of the body according to the term "race/sex", as defined
48 in the regulations of the Commission on Human Rights and

49 Opportunities. Such report shall not include the names of the individual
50 members of the board, commission, committee or council.

51 (2) The Secretary of the State shall receive and maintain the reports
52 submitted pursuant to this subsection as public records. In addition, not
53 later than January 1, 2022, and every four years thereafter, the Secretary
54 shall develop and publish, including on the Internet web site of the
55 office of the Secretary of the State, a report regarding the composition of
56 each state appointive board, commission, committee or council
57 described in subsection (a) of this section.

58 Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2021) The executive director of the
59 Joint Committee on Legislative Management shall create, maintain and
60 make accessible on the Internet web site of the General Assembly a
61 system through which an individual may electronically submit a name
62 to be considered for appointment as a member to a board, commission,
63 council or other agency within the Legislative Department. Such system
64 shall include information about each such board, commission, council
65 or other agency and specify any requirements for membership on such
66 board, commission, council or other agency.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2021	4-9b(a) and (b)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2021	New section

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