

**314.121 Board of Nursing -- Members -- Appointment -- Terms -- Qualifications.**

- (1) The Governor shall appoint a Board of Nursing consisting of sixteen (16) members:
  - (a) Nine (9) members shall be registered nurses licensed to practice in the Commonwealth, with the Governor ensuring that the appointees represent different specialties from a broad cross-section of the nursing profession after soliciting and receiving nominations from recognized specialty state component societies;
  - (b) Three (3) members shall be practical nurses licensed to practice in the Commonwealth;
  - (c) One (1) member shall be a nurse service administrator who is a registered nurse licensed to practice in the Commonwealth;
  - (d) One (1) member shall be engaged in practical nurse education who is a registered nurse licensed to practice in the Commonwealth; and
  - (e) Two (2) members shall be citizens at large, who are not associated with or financially interested in the practice or business regulated.
- (2) Each appointment shall be for a term of four (4) years expiring on June 30 of the fourth year. The cycle for appointments and expiration of terms shall be as follows:
  - (a) The first year of the four (4) year cycle, the terms for three (3) registered nurses and one (1) licensed practical nurse shall expire;
  - (b) The second year of the four (4) year cycle, the terms for three (3) registered nurses and one (1) citizen at large shall expire;
  - (c) The third year of the four (4) year cycle, the terms for two (2) registered nurses, one (1) licensed practical nurse, and the one (1) member engaged in practical nurse education who is a registered nurse shall expire; and
  - (d) The fourth year of the four (4) year cycle, the terms for two (2) registered nurses, one (1) licensed practical nurse, and one (1) citizen at large shall expire.
- (3)
  - (a) By March 1, the Kentucky Nurses Association shall submit to the Governor a list of members qualified for appointment as R.N. members, in number not less than twice the number of appointments to be made, from which list the Governor shall make each appointment or appointments necessary by July 1.
  - (b) By March 1, Kentucky Licensed Practical Nurses Organization Incorporated shall submit to the Governor a list of names qualified for appointment as L.P.N. members, in number not less than twice the number of appointments to be made, from which list the Governor shall make each appointment or appointments as necessary by July 1.
  - (c) By March 1 of the year in which the nurse service administrator's term shall expire, the Kentucky Organization of Nurse Executives, an affiliate of the Kentucky Hospital Association, shall submit to the Governor two (2) names of qualified individuals for appointment as the nurse service administrator from which list the Governor shall make an appointment as necessary by July 1.
  - (d) By March 1, the Kentucky Association of Nonprofit Homes and Services for

the Aging, Inc., shall submit to the Governor two (2) names of qualified individuals for appointments as its R.N. representative to the board, from which the Governor shall make an appointment by July 1.

- (e) By March 1 of the year in which the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities representative's term shall expire, the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities shall submit to the Governor two (2) names of qualified individuals for appointment as its R.N. representative to the board, from which list the Governor shall make an appointment as necessary by July 1.
  - (f) Initially, the Governor shall appoint one (1) member to serve as the registered nurse who is engaged in practical nurse education to serve the term remaining according to the cycle specified in subsection (2) of this section. By August 1, 1996, Kentucky Licensed Practical Nurses Organization Incorporated shall submit to the Governor two (2) names of qualified individuals for the appointment, from which list the Governor shall make the appointment by September 1, 1996. Thereafter, by March 1 of the year in which the practical nurse educator's term expires, Kentucky Licensed Practical Nurses Organization Incorporated shall submit to the Governor two (2) names of qualified individuals for the appointment, from which list the Governor shall make the appointment by July 1.
  - (g) The Governor shall appoint two (2) members who shall be citizens at large, who are not associated with or financially interested in the practice or business regulated. The Governor shall make the appointments by July 1 of the year in which the citizen members' terms expire.
- (4) A vacancy on the board shall be filled by the Governor as provided for under subsection (1) of this section.
  - (5) The Governor may remove any member from the board for neglect of duty, incompetence, or unprofessional or dishonorable conduct.
  - (6) Each R.N. member of the board shall be a citizen of the United States, a resident of Kentucky, a graduate of an approved school of nursing, and a registered nurse in this state. All shall have had at least five (5) years of experience in nursing, three (3) of which shall immediately precede such appointment. Five (5) members shall be engaged in nursing practice; three (3) shall be engaged in nursing education; one (1) shall be engaged in advanced practice registered nursing; and one (1) shall be in nursing administration.
  - (7) Each L.P.N. member of the board shall be a citizen of the United States, a resident of Kentucky, a graduate of an approved school of practical nursing or its equivalent, licensed as a licensed practical nurse in this state, have at least five (5) years of experience in nursing, three (3) of which shall immediately precede this appointment, and be currently engaged in nursing practice.

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