WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §30-30-4

§30-30-4. Board of Social Work.

(a) The State Board of Social Work Examiners is continued. On July 1, 2011, the State Board of Social Work Examiners is renamed the Board of Social Work. The members of the board in office on July 1, 2011, shall, unless sooner removed, continue to serve until their respective terms expire and until their successors have been appointed and qualified.

(b) The board shall consist of the following seven members who are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate:

(1) One independent clinical social worker;

(2) Two certified social workers;

(3) One graduate social worker;

(4) Two social workers; and

(5) One citizen member.

(c) The terms shall be for five years.

(d) Each licensed member of the board, at the time of his or her appointment, must have held a license in this state for at least five years;

(e) Each member of the board must be a resident of this state during the appointment term.

(f) A member may not serve more than two consecutive full terms. A member having served two consecutive full terms may not be appointed for one year after completion of his or her second full term. A member may continue to serve until a successor has been appointed and has qualified.

(g) A vacancy on the board shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the unexpired term of the member whose office shall be vacant and the appointment shall be made within sixty days of the vacancy.

(h) The Governor may remove any member from the board for neglect of duty, incompetency or official misconduct.

(i) Any member of the board immediately and automatically forfeits his or her membership if his or her license to practice is suspended or revoked by the board, is convicted of a felony under the laws of any jurisdiction, or becomes a nonresident of this state.

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(j) The board shall elect annually one of its members as chairperson who serves at the will of the board.

(k) Each member of the board is entitled to compensation and expense reimbursement in accordance with article one of this chapter.

(l) A majority of the members of the board constitutes a quorum.

(m) The board shall hold at least two meetings annually. Other meetings may be held at the call of the chairperson or upon the written request of four members, at the time and place as designated in the call or request.

(n) Prior to commencing his or her duties as a member of the board, each member shall take and subscribe to the oath required by section five, article four of the Constitution of this state.

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