

## WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §60-3A-5

### **§60-3A-5. Creation of retail liquor licensing board; members, terms, meetings and officers; general provisions.**

(a) There is hereby continued the state retail liquor licensing board which shall be composed of five members, three of whom shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, one of whom shall be the secretary of tax and revenue, and one of whom shall be the commissioner. The secretary of tax and revenue and the commissioner shall serve as the chairman and secretary, respectively, of the board. No more than two of the three members appointed by the Governor shall be of the same political party. No member of the board may hold a retail license or have any financial interest, directly or indirectly, in any retail licensee.

(b) The provisions of this subsection apply to the three members appointed by the Governor. They shall be appointed for overlapping terms of three years each and until their respective successors have been appointed and have qualified. Members may be reappointed for any number of terms. Before entering upon the performance of his or her duties, each member shall take and subscribe to the oath required by Section 5, Article IV of the Constitution of this state. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the unexpired term of the member whose office is vacant and the appointment shall be made within sixty days of the occurrence of the vacancy. Any member may be removed by the Governor in case of incompetency, neglect of duty, gross immorality or malfeasance in office. Members shall receive compensation of \$100 per day for each day actually engaged in the performance of their duties as board members, and in addition shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred in the performance of their duties. Appointments to fill vacancies made after the amendment to this section made in one thousand nine hundred ninety-nine shall be made to provide that after the next two appointments, and thereafter, there is a member from each of the congressional districts of this state as delineated in accordance with section three, article two, chapter one of this code.

(c) A majority of the members of the board constitutes a quorum and meetings shall be held at the call of the chairman.

(d) Staff, office facilities and costs of operation of the board shall be provided by the commissioner.