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OFFICE OF WEST VIRGINIA
SECRETARY OF STATE
AN ACT to amend and reenact section three, article thirty, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to West Virginia board of social work examiners; removing restriction on terms of board members; establishing roster of names and addresses of certain social workers; creating an administrative-clerical support staff position; and continuing the board.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section three, article thirty, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 30. SOCIAL WORKERS.

§30-30-3. Board of social work examiners.

1 (a) For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this article, there is hereby created a West Virginia board of social work examiners, consisting of seven members who shall be appointed by the governor, subject to the following requirements:

6 (1) No person may be excluded from serving on the board by reason of race, sex or national origin;

8 (2) Two members shall be certified social workers, two members shall be graduate social workers and two members shall be social workers. All such members
must be licensed under the provisions of this article in accordance with their respective titles. In addition, there shall be one member of the board chosen from the general public: Provided, That those members who are appointed by the governor to serve as the first board after the effective date of this article shall be persons eligible for the licensing required under this article: Provided, however, That the member from the general public shall never be required to be eligible for licensing:

(3) The members of the first board to serve after the effective date of this article shall be appointed within ninety days thereof;

(4) The term of office for each member of the board shall be three years: Provided, That one of the members of the first board to serve after the effective date of this article shall serve a term of two years, three of them shall serve a term of three years and the remaining three shall serve a term of four years; and

(5) The governor shall, whenever there is a vacancy on the board due to circumstances other than the expiration of the term of a member, appoint another member with the same qualifications as the member who has vacated to serve the duration of the unexpired term.

For the purpose of accepting nominations for the replacement of a member, the governor shall cause a notice of the vacancy to be published at least thirty days prior to an announcement of the replacement member, as a Class I-O legal advertisement, in accordance with the provisions of section two, article three, chapter fifty-nine of this code. The publication area shall be statewide.

If the governor fails to make appointment in ninety days after expiration of any term, the board shall make the necessary appointment. Each member shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which such member is appointed and until a successor shall have been duly appointed and qualified.
(b) Any members of the board may be removed from office for cause, in accordance with procedures set forth in this code for the removal of public officials from office.

(c) Members of the board shall receive appropriate compensation, not to exceed the amount specified for attendance of similar board meetings as provided elsewhere in this code, for attending meetings of the board. In addition to such compensation, each member of the board shall be reimbursed out of moneys appropriated for such purposes, reasonable expenses and all sums which he or she necessarily shall expend in the discharge of his or her duties as a member of the board, not to exceed the prevailing rate paid to employees of the state: Provided, That such compensation and such expenses shall not exceed the amount received by the board from licensing fees and penalties imposed under subdivision (4), subsection (e) of this section.

(d) The board shall hold an annual election for the purpose of electing a chairman, vice chairman and secretary. The requirements for meetings and management of the board shall be established in regulations promulgated by the board as required by this article.

(e) In addition to the duties set forth in other provisions of this article, the board shall:

(1) Recommend to the Legislature any proposed modifications to this article;

(2) Report to county prosecutors any suspected violations of this article: Provided, That no report shall be made until the board has given the suspected violator ninety days written notice of the suspected violation and the violator has, within such ninety day period, been afforded an opportunity to respond to the board with respect to the allegation;

(3) Publish an annual report and a roster listing the names and addresses of all persons who have been licensed in accordance with the provisions of this article as a certified social worker, graduate social worker or social worker;
(4) Establish a fee schedule for the initial examination, license fee and the annual license renewal;

(5) Establish standards and requirements for continuing education. In establishing these requirements the board shall consult with professional groups and organizations representing all levels of practice provided for in this article and the board shall consider recognized staff development programs, continuing education programs offered by colleges and universities having social work programs approved or accredited by the council on social work education, and continuing education programs offered by recognized state and national social work bodies: Provided, That such standards and requirements for continuing education shall not be construed to alter or affect in any way the standards and requirements for licensing as set forth elsewhere in this article;

(6) Conduct its proceedings in accordance with provisions of article nine-a, chapter six of this code; and

(7) Employ, direct and define the duties of an administrative clerical support staff person.

After having conducted a performance and fiscal audit through its joint committee on government operations, pursuant to section nine, article ten, chapter four of this code, the Legislature hereby finds and declares that the board of social work examiners be continued and reestablished. Accordingly, notwithstanding the provisions of section four, article ten, chapter four of this code, the social work board of examiners shall continue to exist until the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety-five.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 27th day of April, 1989.

Governor