

**321.230 Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners -- Membership -- Qualifications -- Appointment -- Terms -- Vacancies -- Compensation -- Removal of member.**

There hereby is created a board to be known as the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners.

- (1) The board shall consist of eleven (11) members:
  - (a) Ten (10) members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:
    1. Seven (7) members shall be citizens of the Commonwealth and shall be veterinarians, each lawfully engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine in this Commonwealth for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the date of the member's appointment;
    2. One (1) member shall be a citizen of the Commonwealth and shall be a citizen at large who is not associated with or financially interested in the practices or businesses regulated;
    3. One (1) member shall be a citizen of the Commonwealth and a licensed veterinary technician who has been employed in the veterinary field in the Commonwealth for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the date of the member's appointment; and
    4. One (1) member shall be a licensed allied animal health professional who has been working on animals in the Commonwealth for at least two (2) years immediately preceding the date of the member's appointment; and
  - (b) One (1) member shall be the Commissioner of Agriculture or designee.
- (2) The Governor's appointments to the board shall maintain a composition that includes diverse representation from each of the following areas:
  - (a) Species of animals served, including food animals, equines, and small animals; and
  - (b) All regional areas of the Commonwealth, including eastern Kentucky, western Kentucky, central Kentucky, and northern Kentucky.
- (3) All appointed members shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years and shall serve until the member is reappointed or a qualified successor is appointed. The terms shall be evenly staggered, so that no more than three (3) members are appointed to full terms in any given calendar year.
- (4) Any vacancy in the appointed membership of the board shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the Governor.
- (5) Each member of the board shall receive one hundred dollars (\$100) per day for each day or substantial part of a day of service actually given in carrying out the member's duties under this chapter, in addition to the member's necessary traveling, hotel, and contingent expenses incurred in attending the meetings of the board and in the performance of the member's duties.
- (6) A board member may be removed by the Governor, or removed by a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the board upon one (1) or more of the following grounds:
  - (a) A poor attendance record, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office;
  - (b) The refusal or inability for any reason of a board member to perform the

duties as a member of the board in an efficient, responsible, and professional manner;

- (c) The misuse of office by a member of the board to obtain financial or material gain or advantage personally or for another through the office;
- (d) A final adjudication by a recognized body, including the courts, that the board member is in violation of the laws governing the practice of veterinary medicine, the practice of veterinary technology, or other board credentialed profession; or
- (e) Other just and reasonable causes as determined solely by the board pursuant to applicable law. In these cases, removal of a member of the board shall be in accordance with KRS Chapters 13A and 13B and other applicable laws.

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