

**620.190 Citizen foster care review boards -- Local citizen foster care review boards.  
(Effective July 15, 2026)**

- (1) There shall be established within each judicial district a citizen foster care review board to be appointed by the Chief District Judge or family court judge. The Chief District Judge or family court judge may authorize the creation of additional local citizen foster care review boards as needed.
- (2) Each local citizen foster care review board shall consist of not less than three (3) members and shall be appointed according to the following guidelines:
  - (a) All members shall have an interest in foster care or child welfare;
  - (b) At least two (2) members of each local citizen foster care review board shall, as far as practicable, be chosen from among the following professions:
    1. Law;
    2. Medicine;
    3. Psychology;
    4. Social work; and
    5. Education;
  - (c) Each local citizen foster care review board shall, as far as practicable, include a foster parent;
  - (d) All members of each local citizen foster care review board shall, as far as practicable, be representative of the socioeconomic, racial, and ethnic composition of the area served;
  - (e) Employees of the Department for Community Based Services shall be prohibited from serving on the local citizen foster care review board;
  - (f) All appointed board members shall serve a term of three (3) years, except that if a vacancy occurs, a successor shall be appointed to serve the unexpired term. The term of each member shall expire on August 1 of the appropriate year. Members may be reappointed and shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed; and
  - (g) All members shall be certified prior to appointment by the state citizen foster care review board or its designee. For the purposes of this section, "certified" means acknowledgment of completion of initial training approved by the state citizen foster care review board.
- (3) Local citizen foster care review board members may be removed for nonparticipation, failure to meet training requirements, or other cause as determined by the state citizen foster care review board in compliance with its constitution and bylaws.
- (4) Each local citizen foster care review board shall annually elect a chairman and vice chairman to serve in the absence of the chairman.
- (5) Each local citizen foster care review board shall meet, at a place designated by the Chief District Judge or family court judge, as often as is deemed necessary to carry out the duties of the board. The local citizen foster care review board shall meet no less than four (4) times annually.

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