

1 AN ACT concerning professional counselors.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Professional Counselor and Clinical
5 Professional Counselor Licensing Act is amended by changing
6 Section 30 as follows:

7 (225 ILCS 107/30) (from Ch. 111, par. 8451-30)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2013)

9 Sec. 30. Professional Counselor Examining and
10 Disciplinary Board.

11 (a) The Director must ~~shall~~ appoint a Board which shall
12 serve in an advisory capacity to the Director. The Board must
13 ~~shall~~ consist of 7 persons, 2 of whom are licensed solely as
14 professional counselors, 3 of whom are licensed solely as
15 clinical professional counselors, one full-time faculty
16 member of an accredited college or university that is engaged
17 in training professional counselors or clinical professional
18 counselors who possesses the qualifications substantially
19 equivalent to the education and experience requirements for a
20 professional counselor or clinical professional counselor,
21 and one member of the public who is not a licensed health
22 care provider. In appointing members of the Board, the
23 Director must ~~shall~~ give due consideration to the adequate
24 representation of the various fields of counseling. In
25 appointing members of the Board, the Director must ~~shall~~ give
26 due consideration to recommendations by members of the
27 professions of professional counseling and clinical
28 professional counseling, the Statewide organizations
29 representing the interests of professional counselors and
30 clinical professional counselors, organizations representing
31 the interests of academic programs, rehabilitation counseling

1 programs, and approved counseling programs in the State of
2 Illinois.

3 (b) Members shall be appointed for and shall serve 4
4 year terms and until their successors are appointed and
5 qualified, except that of the initial appointments 2 members
6 shall be appointed to serve for 2 years, 2 shall be appointed
7 to serve for 3 years, and the remaining shall be appointed to
8 serve for 4 years and until their successors are appointed
9 and qualified. No member shall be reappointed to the Board
10 for a term that would cause continuous service on the Board
11 to be longer than 8 years. Any appointment to fill a vacancy
12 shall be for the unexpired portion of the term.

13 (c) The membership of the Board should reasonably
14 reflect representation from different geographic areas of
15 Illinois.

16 (d) Any member appointed to fill a vacancy shall be
17 eligible for reappointment to only one full term.

18 (e) The Director may remove any member for cause at any
19 time prior to the expiration of his or her term.

20 (f) The Board shall annually elect one of its members as
21 chairperson.

22 (g) The members of the Board shall be reimbursed for all
23 legitimate, necessary, and authorized expenses incurred in
24 attending the meetings of the Board.

25 (h) The Board may make recommendations on matters
26 relating to approving graduate counseling, rehabilitation
27 counseling, psychology, and related programs.

28 (i) The Board may make recommendations on matters
29 relating to continuing education including the number of
30 hours necessary for license renewal, waivers for those unable
31 to meet such requirements, and acceptable course content.
32 These recommendations shall not impose an undue burden on the
33 Department or an unreasonable restriction on those seeking
34 license renewal.

1 (j) The Director shall give due consideration to all
2 recommendations of the Board.

3 (k) A majority of the Board members currently appointed
4 shall constitute a quorum. A vacancy in the membership of the
5 Board shall not impair the right of a quorum to perform all
6 of the duties of the Board.

7 (l) Members of the Board shall have no criminal, civil,
8 or professional liability in an action based upon a
9 disciplinary proceeding or other activity performed in good
10 faith as a member of the Board, except for willful or wanton
11 misconduct.

12 (Source: P.A. 92-719, eff. 7-25-02.)