**Section 310.30 Membership and Organization**

a) Membership

*Each regional authority shall consist of* *9* *members appointed by the* *Commission* (Section 14 of the Act).

b) Duration of Term

*Members of the* *regional authorities* *shall serve for a term of* *3* *years. No member shall serve for more than* *2* *consecutive* *3* *year terms.* (Section 14 of the Act) After a one-year absence, if a vacancy occurs on a regional authority the Commission may appoint a former member who satisfactorily served prior terms of appointment.

c) Removal of Member

1) *The Commission* on its own initiative *may remove for incompetence, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office any member of a regional authority.* (Section 14 of the Act)

2) A regional authority shall recommend to the Commission the removal of one of its members if:

A) the regional authority has given written notice to the member of its intention to recommend removal and the reason for the removal; and

B) the member is given an opportunity at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the authority to explain, either orally or in writing, why a recommendation of removal shall not be made; and

C) a majority vote of the regional authority members in attendance and constituting a quorum of the regional authority at a regularly scheduled or special meeting, for good cause shown, votes to recommend the member's removal; and

D) a written request for removal is made to the Commission with a statement of the reasons for the removal, together with any explanation offered by the member to the members of the regional authority; a copy of the request shall also be forwarded to the member.

3) A member who misses 3 consecutive meetings shall be notified by the regional authority that failure to attend the next meeting, unless for reasons beyond the member's control, shall result in a request for the member's removal.

d) Vacancies

*Vacancies in regional authorities shall be filled* within 60 days after declaration of the vacancy *in the same manner as original appointments* (Section 14 of the Act). A person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. If the remainder of the unexpired term is less than 23 months, the person shall be eligible for 2 additional 3 year terms.

e) Compensation

*Members of the regional authorities shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties* (Section 14 of the Act) in accordance with 80 Ill. Adm. Code 2800.

f) Officers

At its annual June meeting each regional authority shall elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary and any other officers it deems necessary. Should circumstances arise to prevent holding the annual meeting in June, the annual meeting shall become the next immediate meeting held by the regional authority.

g) Committees

A regional authority may establish such committees as it deems necessary to achieve its stated purpose.

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