

HOUSE BILL No. 2383

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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AN ACT concerning the behavioral sciences regulatory board; relating to membership; amending K.S.A. 74-7501 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 74-7501 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-7501. (a) There is hereby created a behavioral sciences regulatory board consisting of ~~11~~ 17 members appointed by the governor. The membership of the board shall be as follows: Two members of the board shall be licensed psychologists; ~~two~~ eight members of the board shall be licensed to engage in the practice of social work; one member of the board shall be a professional counselor; one member of the board shall be a marriage and family therapist and one member of the board shall be a registered masters level psychologist who on January 1, 1997, will become a licensed masters level psychologist; and four members of the board shall be from and represent the general public. Each member of the board shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of this state.

(b) The term of office of each member of the board shall be four years, except that the term of office of the new members appointed pursuant to this act, one member shall be appointed for a term of two years, one member shall be appointed for a term of three years and two members shall be appointed for terms of four years. The governor shall designate the term of office for each member appointed to the board pursuant to this act. No member of the board shall be appointed for more than two successive terms. Upon the expiration of a member's term of office, the governor shall appoint a qualified successor *and two additional members who shall be social workers. The governor shall appoint two new social workers each year until there is a total of eight social workers on the board.* Each member shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualified. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the membership of the board prior to the expiration of a term of office, the governor shall appoint a qualified successor to fill the unexpired term. The governor may remove any member of the board for misconduct, incompetency or neglect of duty.

(c) The board shall organize annually at its first meeting subsequent

1 to June 30 and shall select from its members a chairperson and a vice-
2 chairperson. Other meetings shall be held as the board designates. A
3 majority of members appointed to the board shall constitute a quorum
4 for the transaction of business.

5 (d) The board may appoint an executive director who shall be in the
6 unclassified service of the Kansas civil service act and shall receive an
7 annual salary fixed by the board, subject to approval by the governor. The
8 board may employ clerical personnel and other assistants, all of whom
9 shall be in the classified service under the Kansas civil service act. The
10 board may make and enter into contracts of employment with such pro-
11 fessional personnel as necessary, in the board's judgment, for the per-
12 formance of its duties and functions and the execution of its powers.

13 (e) Members of the behavioral sciences regulatory board attending
14 meetings of the board, or attending a subcommittee meeting thereof au-
15 thorized by the board, shall be paid compensation, subsistence allow-
16 ances, mileage and other expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223, and
17 amendments thereto.

18 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 74-7501 is hereby repealed.

19 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
20 publication in the statute book.

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