

AN ACT concerning State government.

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

Section 5. The Guardianship and Advocacy Act is amended by changing Section 14 as follows:

(20 ILCS 3955/14) (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 714)

Sec. 14. Each regional authority shall consist of at least 7 members and no more than ~~the~~ 9 members appointed by the Director, in accordance with this Section. Each regional authority shall include insofar as possible one professionally knowledgeable and broadly experienced employee or officer of a provider of each of the following services: mental health, developmental disabilities, and vocational rehabilitation. No other employee or officer of a service provider shall be appointed to a regional authority. In making appointments, the Director shall strive to ensure representation of minority groups and of eligible persons, and shall give due consideration to recommendations of persons and groups assisting eligible persons. The Director may remove for incompetence, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office any member of a regional authority. All actions taken by the Director to appoint or remove members shall be reported to the Commission at the next scheduled Commission meeting.

Each regional authority shall annually elect a chairman and any other officers it deems necessary. Members of the regional authorities shall serve for a term of 3 years, except that the terms of the first appointees shall be as follows: 3 members serving for a 1 year term; 3 members serving for a 2 year term; and 3 members serving for a 3 year term. Assignment of terms of such first appointees shall be by lot. No member shall serve for more than 2 consecutive 3 year terms. A quorum shall consist of a majority of appointed members. ~~Five members shall constitute a quorum.~~

Vacancies in the regional authorities shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

Members of the regional authorities shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Each regional authority shall meet not less than once every 2 months. Meetings may also be held upon call of the Regional Chairman or upon written request of any 5 members of the regional authority.

(Source: P.A. 96-271, eff. 1-1-10.)