



Ohio Revised Code

Section 107.22 Commission on eastern European affairs - membership.

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(A)(1) There is created the commission on eastern European affairs. The commission shall be made up of the following members:

- (a) Three members appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, to serve a term ending one year after the appointment;
- (b) Four members appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, to serve a term ending two years after the appointment;
- (c) Two members appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, to serve a term ending three years after the appointment;
- (d) One member who is a private citizen appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, to serve a term ending three years after the appointment;
- (e) One member who is a private citizen appointed by the president of the senate, to serve a term ending three years after the appointment;
- (f) One nonvoting member who is a member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
- (g) One nonvoting member who is a member of the senate appointed by the president of the senate.

(2) Members appointed under divisions (A)(1)(a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this section shall be representative of communities with persons who self-identify as possessing eastern European ancestry, shall be appointed proportionally relative to the population of eastern European people in the state, and shall be all of the following:



(a) A person who meets the definition of eastern European people or a person who is allied with those people;

(b) A citizen, or a lawful and permanent resident, of the United States;

(c) A lawful and permanent resident of the state.

(B)(1) After the initial appointments, each term of office for members appointed under divisions (A)(1)(a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this section shall be for three years. The members shall serve from the date of the members' appointment until the end of the three-year term for which the members were appointed.

(2) Except for members appointed under divisions (A)(1)(f) and (g) of this section, members shall remain in office after the members' term has expired until the earlier of the following occur:

(a) A successor to the office is appointed;

(b) Thirty days have passed since the end of a member's term and no successor has been appointed.

(3) Members appointed to the commission under divisions (A)(1)(f) and (g) of this section shall serve until the ending date of the members' terms as members of the general assembly.

(4) Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as appointment. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve the remainder of the original term for which the vacancy was filled.

(C) The commission shall meet not less than six times during a calendar year. During the first meeting, the commission shall elect from among its members appointed under divisions (A)(1)(a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this section a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and other officers. The commission shall prescribe rules to govern the commission.

(D) Six voting members constitute a quorum and no action shall be taken without the affirmative vote of six voting members.



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(E) Members appointed under divisions (A)(1)(a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this section shall be compensated for actual and necessary expenses incurred and for each day that a member is engaged in commission duties, not to exceed one day per month.

(F) Members appointed to the commission shall affirm the territorial sovereignty and integrity of Ukraine, relative to its territorial holdings before Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014 and subsequent invasion in 2022, as well as the territorial sovereignty and integrity of other countries in the region and generally.