



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3357.05 Appointment of board of trustees.

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Legislation: House Bill 33

Within ninety days after a technical college district is created pursuant to section 3357.02 of the Revised Code, trustees shall be appointed to serve as a board of trustees of the technical college district. Appointees shall be qualified electors residing in the technical college district and shall not be employees of that technical college. No new trustee may be appointed who is a member of any board of education or educational service center governing board. The term of office shall be three years with the exception of initial appointments as provided in this section and section 3357.021 of the Revised Code. Trustees shall be appointed in the manner and for the terms provided by this section. Each trustee shall hold office from the date of appointment until the end of the appointed term. Any trustee appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the trustee's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of such term. Any trustee shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the trustee's term until a successor takes office. A majority of the sitting members of the board at the time of a meeting constitutes a quorum.

(A) If a technical college district embraces the territory of one or more school districts and more than half of the territory of each such district is in the same county, seven trustees shall be appointed. Two trustees shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Not more than one of such trustees appointed shall be an employee of a governmental agency. Of the initial appointments, one shall be for a term ending two years after the date upon which the technical college district was created and one for a term ending three years after that date. The successive terms of trustees appointed by the governor shall be for three years, each term ending on the same day of the same month of the year as did the term which it succeeds.

(1) For trustees not appointed by the governor who are appointed prior to January 1, 2024, five trustees shall be appointed by the presidents or their representatives of the city and exempted village boards of education of school districts and the governing boards of service centers whose territories are embraced in the technical college district. Prior to the appointment of the trustees, the president of the board of education of the city school district having the largest pupil enrollment shall call a caucus of the presidents of the aforementioned boards of education at a time and place designated by



such president. At such caucus, the board presidents or their representatives shall select five trustees by majority vote of those attending. Not more than two of such trustees selected shall be employees of any governmental agency. Of the initial appointments, two shall be for one year terms, two shall be for two year terms, and one shall be for a three year term. If there is a vacancy, such vacancy shall be filled by the authority making the original appointment for the balance of the unexpired term.

(2) For trustees not appointed by the governor who are appointed on or after January 1, 2024, five trustees shall be appointed by a trustee selection committee.

The executive committee of the technical college's board of trustees shall appoint the members of the trustee selection committee. The trustee selection committee shall consist of either three or five members who are local business, civic, or nonprofit leaders and who are not current sitting members of the technical college's board of trustees. The board of trustees shall nominate individuals to be considered by the trustee selection committee. The trustee selection committee may select new trustees from the individuals nominated by the board of trustees or other applicants. To the greatest extent possible, trustees appointed by the trustee selection committee shall be individuals who hold leadership positions within significant industries in the technical college district. Trustees appointed by the trustee selection committee shall reside within the technical college district. The terms of office for trustees appointed by the trustee selection committee shall be for three years. Trustees shall be appointed with the advice and consent of the senate.

(B) If a technical college district embraces territory other than described in division (A) of this section, nine trustees shall be appointed. Three trustees shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Not more than one of such trustees appointed shall be an employee of a governmental agency. Of the initial appointments, one shall be for a term ending one year after the date upon which the technical college district was created, one for a term ending two years after that date, and one for a term ending three years after that date. The successive terms of trustees appointed by the governor shall be for three years, each term ending on the same day of the same month of the year as did the term which it succeeds.

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(C) A board of trustees of a technical college district established prior to November 5, 1965, may, by a resolution approved by a majority of the members of the board, abolish such board. Immediately thereafter, a new board shall be appointed under division (A) of this section, except that the persons serving on the board at the time of its dissolution shall be appointed to initial appointments which most nearly coincide in length with the time remaining in their terms at the time those terms were terminated under this division.