



Ohio Revised Code Section 4744.02 Creation.

Effective: September 29, 2017

Legislation: House Bill 49 - 132nd General Assembly

(A) There is hereby created the state speech and hearing professionals board consisting of the following members, appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate:

- (1) Two individuals licensed as speech-language pathologists under Chapter 4753. of the Revised Code;
- (2) Three individuals licensed as audiologists under Chapter 4753. of the Revised Code;
- (3) Two individuals licensed as hearing aid fitters under Chapter 4747. of the Revised Code;
- (4) Two individuals representing the general public.

(B) Not later than ninety days after the effective date of this section, the governor shall make initial appointments to the board. Of the initial appointments, four members shall serve terms ending March 22, 2019, three members shall serve terms ending March 22, 2020, and two members shall serve terms ending March 22, 2021.

Thereafter, terms of office are three years, with each term commencing on the twenty-third day of March and ending on the twenty-second day of March. Each member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the end of the term for which the member was appointed, except that a member shall continue in office after the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office. No member shall serve more than three consecutive terms.

Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of that term.

(C) No individual may be appointed to the board who has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a



felony under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States.

The governor may remove a member of the board for malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance after a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The governor shall remove, after a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, any member who has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States.