

§902. Membership; chairs; terms; vacancies; quorum

1. Membership. The commission consists of the following 21 members:

A. Two members of the Senate, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature, appointed by the President of the Senate; [PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 (NEW).]

B. Two members of the House of Representatives, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; [PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 (NEW).]

C. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services or the commissioner's designee; [PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 (NEW).]

D. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or the commissioner's designee; [PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 (NEW).]

E. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee; [PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 (NEW).]

F. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or the commissioner's designee; [PL 2021, c. 363, §1 (AMD).]

G. The Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee; [PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 (NEW).]

H. The following 6 members, appointed by the President of the Senate:

(1) A representative of a statewide association representing prosecutors;

(2) A representative of a statewide association representing the medical cannabis industry;

(3) A member of the public;

(4) A member of the public with demonstrated expertise in the cultivation of cannabis or the manufacturing of cannabis concentrate and cannabis products;

(5) A representative of a statewide association representing defense attorneys; and

(6) A representative of a statewide civil rights organization with a primary mission to advance racial equity and racial justice; and [PL 2021, c. 363, §1 (AMD); PL 2021, c. 669, §5 (REV).]

I. The following 6 members, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

(1) A representative of a statewide association representing the adult use cannabis industry;

(2) A member of the public with demonstrated expertise and credentials in public health policy;

(3) A member of the public;

(4) A qualifying patient;

(5) A member of a federally recognized Indian tribe in the State; and

(6) A representative of the state chapter of a national civil liberties organization. [PL 2021, c. 363, §1 (AMD); PL 2021, c. 669, §5 (REV).]

For all appointments under paragraphs A, B, H and I, an effort must be made in making the appointments to represent the racial and gender diversity of the State.

[PL 2021, c. 363, §1 (AMD); PL 2021, c. 669, §5 (REV).]

2. Chairs. The first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House member is the House chair of the commission.

[PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 (NEW).]

3. Terms. Members of the commission who are Legislators serve during the term of office for which they were elected. Other members of the commission serve for a term of 2 years and may be reappointed.

[PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 (NEW).]

4. Vacancies. In the event of a vacancy on the commission, the member's unexpired term must be filled through an appointment by the appointing authority for the vacant seat.

[PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 (NEW).]

5. Quorum. A quorum of the commission consists of 11 members.

[PL 2021, c. 363, §2 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 (NEW). PL 2021, c. 363, §§1, 2 (AMD). PL 2021, c. 669, §5 (REV).

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