



**Substitute Senate Bill No. 977**

**Public Act No. 13-51**

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICE PANELS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 4b-56 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

(a) There shall be established within the Department of Construction Services state construction services selection panels which (1) for projects valued at five million dollars or more, shall consist of five members, [ . Four of such members shall be appointed by the commissioner, shall serve only for deliberations involving the project for which such members are appointed, and] four of whom shall be current or retired employees of the Department of Construction Services [ . The remaining member] appointed by the commissioner and one of whom shall be appointed by the head or acting head of the user agency, and [shall serve only for deliberations involving the project for which such member is appointed.] (2) for projects valued at less than five million dollars, shall consist of three members, two of whom shall be current or retired employees of the Department of Construction Services appointed by the commissioner and one of whom shall be appointed by the head or acting head of the user agency. Each member of a section panel, regardless of the

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appointing authority, shall serve only for deliberations involving the project for which such member is appointed.

(b) [The selection panels] A panel established pursuant to subsection (a), (c) or (e) of this section shall not be deemed to be a board or commission within the meaning of section 4-9a.

(c) There shall be established within the Department of Construction Services Connecticut Health and Education Facilities Authority construction services panels which shall consist of five members. Three of such members shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Construction Services, shall serve only for deliberations involving the project for which such members are appointed and shall be current employees of the Department of Construction Services. The remaining members shall be appointed by the head or acting head of the user agency and shall serve only for deliberations involving the project for which such members are appointed.

(d) The panels established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section shall [not be deemed to be a board or commission within the meaning of section 4-9a. Such panels shall] be the selection panels only for Connecticut Health and Education Facilities Authority projects pursuant to section 10a-89b.

(e) There shall be established, within the Department of Construction Services, a State Construction Services Selection Panel that shall consist of [five] three members. Such members shall be appointed by the commissioner, shall be current employees of the Department of Construction Services or any agency for which consultant services may be contracted, and shall serve only for deliberations involving the selection of consultants under subsection (d) of section 4b-51 for which the employees are appointed.

[(f) The panel established pursuant to subsection (e) of this section

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shall not be deemed to be a board or commission within the meaning of section 4-9a.]

Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 4b-100a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

(a) The Department of Construction Services shall establish construction services award panels which shall each consist of [six] five members. Three of such members shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Construction Services, shall be current employees of the Department of Construction Services and shall serve only for deliberations involving the project for which such members are appointed. Two of such members shall be appointed by the department head of the user agency. [and one member shall be a neutral party appointed by the commissioner.]

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