



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6211**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING GENDER AND RACIAL DIVERSITY ON CERTAIN STATE APPOINTIVE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS AND AN ONLINE SYSTEM FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS WITHIN THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 4-9b of the general statutes  
2 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2021*):

4 (a) (1) (A) [Appointing] Prior to January 1, 2025, appointing  
5 authorities, in cooperation with one another, shall make a good faith  
6 effort to ensure that, to the extent possible, the membership, except the  
7 ex-officio membership, of each state appointive board, commission,  
8 committee and council having members appointed by the Governor or  
9 appointed by members of the General Assembly is qualified and closely  
10 reflects the gender and racial diversity of the state.

11 (B) On and after January 1, 2025, appointing authorities, in  
12 cooperation with one another, shall ensure that the membership, except  
13 the ex-officio membership, of each state appointive board, commission,  
14 committee and council having members appointed by the Governor or  
15 appointed by members of the General Assembly is qualified and reflects

16 the gender and racial diversity of the state according to the most recent  
17 United States Census Bureau Equal Employment Opportunity  
18 Tabulation.

19 (2) If there are multiple appointing authorities for [a] any board,  
20 commission, committee or council described in subdivision (1) of this  
21 subsection, the appointing authorities shall inform each other of their  
22 appointees or planned appointees in order to facilitate compliance with  
23 this section.

24 (3) Appointing authorities for any board, commission, committee or  
25 council described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall (A) consider  
26 each recommendation for appointment of a member to any such board,  
27 commission, council or other agency made by any community or other  
28 similar organization representing the interests of gender or racial  
29 diversity, and (B) make a good faith effort to seek out individuals for  
30 such appointment that reflect such diversity. The Commissioner of  
31 Administrative Services shall develop public education and outreach  
32 strategies with such community or other similar organizations to  
33 increase awareness of, and recruit diverse applicants for, such  
34 appointments.

35 (b) (1) [The] At the time of a member's appointment to any state  
36 appointive board, commission, committee or council described in  
37 subsection (a) of this section, the appointing authority for such member  
38 shall provide to the Secretary of the State data concerning such  
39 member's gender and race. In addition, the executive officer or  
40 chairperson of each such state appointive board, commission,  
41 committee and council, [having members appointed by the Governor or  
42 appointed by members of the General Assembly,] except committees  
43 whose membership consists solely of members of the General  
44 Assembly, shall report in writing to the Secretary of the State on or after  
45 September first, but not later than October 1, 1993, and biennially  
46 thereafter, [(1)] (A) the number of members of such body, and [(2)] (B)  
47 the composition of the body according to the term "race/sex", as defined  
48 in the regulations of the Commission on Human Rights and

49 Opportunities. Such report shall not include the names of the individual  
50 members of the board, commission, committee or council.

51 (2) The Secretary of the State shall receive and maintain the reports  
52 submitted pursuant to this subsection as public records. In addition, not  
53 later than January 1, 2022, and every four years thereafter, the Secretary  
54 shall develop and publish, including on the Internet web site of the  
55 office of the Secretary of the State, a report regarding the composition of  
56 each state appointive board, commission, committee or council  
57 described in subsection (a) of this section.

58 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) The executive director of the  
59 Joint Committee on Legislative Management shall create, maintain and  
60 make accessible on the Internet web site of the General Assembly a  
61 system through which an individual may electronically submit a name  
62 to be considered for appointment as a member to a board, commission,  
63 council or other agency within the Legislative Department. Such system  
64 shall include information about each such board, commission, council  
65 or other agency and specify any requirements for membership on such  
66 board, commission, council or other agency.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	4-9b(a) and (b)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*