

Senate Bill 6

Sponsored by Senator COURTNEY

SUMMARY

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Extends terms of office of members of Commission for the Blind.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Commission for the Blind; creating new provisions; amending ORS 346.130; and de-
3 claring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 346.130 is amended to read:

6 346.130. (1) The Commission for the Blind shall be appointed by the Governor and shall consist
7 of **the following** seven members:

8 (a) Four members who are qualified persons within the legal definition of persons who are blind;
9 and

10 (b) Three members appointed from among the areas of employers, labor, optometry,
11 ophthalmology, and education of persons who are blind. However, no more than one appointee shall
12 represent the same area during the same term. To the greatest extent possible, appointments from
13 the five areas shall be made on a rotating basis.

14 (2) The term of office of a member of the commission is [*two*] **four** years. Vacancy in the office
15 of a member shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term. Any member who is absent from
16 three consecutive commission meetings or more than one-third of the scheduled meetings in one year
17 shall be removed from office and the Governor shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. A
18 person may not serve on the commission for more than three consecutive terms [*of one year or more*
19 *in length*]. **A person who serves two years or more of a term shall be considered to have**
20 **served a full term.**

21 (3) All appointments of members of the commission by the Governor are subject to confirmation
22 by the Senate in the manner provided in ORS 171.562 and 171.565.

23 (4) The commission shall hold meetings at least once every two months and such additional
24 meetings as it may deem necessary.

25 (5) Each member is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495.

26 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding ORS 346.130 (2), a person may serve on the Commission for
27 the Blind for more than three consecutive terms if:

28 (1) **The person is serving a term on the effective date of this 2015 Act; and**

29 (2) **The person does not serve on the commission for more than 12 consecutive years.**

30 **SECTION 3.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
31 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **on its passage.**

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