



27 Beginning October 1, 2014, the commission shall be composed of  
28 nine members, consisting of the following:

29 1. When the term of the chair serving as of July 1, 2014,  
30 expires, a chair, who shall be appointed by the Governor,  
31 subject to confirmation by the Senate, for a term of 4 years.  
32 The chair must have the qualifications required by law for a  
33 judge of the circuit court.

34 2. Eight members appointed by the Governor, subject to  
35 confirmation by the Senate, for a term of 2 years,  
36 notwithstanding s. 20.052(4)(c). Four members shall be appointed  
37 from a list submitted by the President of the Senate which may  
38 include only members of the even-numbered regional workforce  
39 boards under s. 445.007(1). Four members shall be appointed from  
40 a list submitted by the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
41 which may include only members of the odd-numbered regional  
42 workforce boards under s. 445.007(1). Each list must include at  
43 least twice the number of persons as positions required to be  
44 filled. However, to stagger the terms of the initial  
45 appointments, two members appointed from the list submitted by  
46 the President of the Senate and two members appointed from the  
47 list submitted by the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
48 shall be appointed to a term of 1 year and may be reappointed  
49 for an additional term of 2 years.

50 (b) Only one member may be appointed from an individual  
51 regional workforce board at a time. An individual regional  
52 workforce board may not be represented by an appointee more than

53 once within a 6-year period.

54 (c) A vacancy for the unexpired term of a member shall be  
 55 filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

56 (d)(a) The chair:

57 1. Shall devote his or her entire time to commission  
 58 duties and Is responsible for the administrative functions of  
 59 the commission.

60 2.(b) May ~~The chair has authority to~~ appoint a general  
 61 counsel and other personnel to carry out the duties and  
 62 responsibilities of the commission.

63 3.(e) Shall devote his or her entire time to commission  
 64 duties ~~The chair must have the qualifications required by law~~  
 65 ~~for a judge of the circuit court~~ and may not engage in any other  
 66 business vocation or employment.

67 4. Notwithstanding any other law, the chair shall be paid  
 68 a salary equal to that paid under state law to a judge of the  
 69 circuit court.

70 (e)(d) The remaining members shall be paid a stipend of  
 71 \$100 for each day they are engaged in the work of the  
 72 commission. The chair and other members are entitled to be  
 73 reimbursed for travel expenses, as provided in s. 112.061.

74 ~~(e)~~ The total salary of the chair and the travel expenses  
 75 of the chair and other members ~~each member of the commission~~  
 76 shall be paid from the Employment Security Administration Trust  
 77 Fund.

78 (3) HEARINGS.—

79           (a) The presence of four members, in addition to the  
 80 chair, constitutes a quorum of the commission.

81           (b) A member may not take part in a discussion,  
 82 deliberation, or action on a matter in which he or she is an  
 83 interested party or has a conflict of interest as defined in s.  
 84 112.312.

85           ~~(2) The members of the commission shall be appointed to~~  
 86 ~~staggered terms of 4 years each. A vacancy for the unexpired~~  
 87 ~~term of a member shall be filled in the same manner as the~~  
 88 ~~original appointment. The presence of two members constitutes a~~  
 89 ~~quorum for any called meeting of the commission.~~

90           (4)(3) AUTHORITY, POWERS, AND DUTIES.—The commission has  
 91 all authority, powers, and duties, ~~and responsibilities~~ relating  
 92 to reemployment assistance appeal proceedings under this  
 93 chapter.

94           (a)(4) The property, personnel, and appropriations  
 95 relating to the specified authority, powers, and duties, ~~and~~  
 96 ~~responsibilities~~ of the commission shall be provided to the  
 97 commission by the Department of Economic Opportunity.

98           ~~(5)~~ The commission is not subject to control, supervision,  
 99 or direction by the Department of Economic Opportunity in  
 100 performing its powers or duties under this chapter.

101           (b)(6) The commission may do any of the following:

102           1. Make expenditures, including expenditures for personal  
 103 services and rent, for law books, books of reference,  
 104 periodicals, furniture, equipment, and supplies, and for

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105 printing and binding as necessary in exercising its authority  
106 and powers and carrying out its duties and responsibilities. All  
107 such expenditures of the commission shall be allowed and paid as  
108 provided in s. 443.211 upon the presentation of itemized  
109 vouchers approved by the chair.

110 2.~~(7)~~ ~~The commission may~~ Charge fees for publications,  
111 subscriptions, and copies of records and documents. These fees  
112 must be deposited into ~~in~~ the Employment Security Administration  
113 Trust Fund.

114 3. Adopt rules under ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to  
115 administer the provisions of law conferring duties upon it.

116 (c)~~(8)~~ The commission shall do all of the following:

117 1. Maintain and keep open during reasonable business hours  
118 an office in Tallahassee for the purpose of transacting its  
119 business, at which office the commission shall keep its official  
120 records and papers. The offices shall be furnished and equipped  
121 by the commission. The commission may hold sessions and conduct  
122 hearings at any place within the state.

123 2.~~(9)~~ ~~The commission shall~~ Prepare and submit a budget  
124 covering the necessary administrative cost of the commission.

125 3.~~(10)~~ ~~The commission shall~~ Have a seal for authenticating  
126 its orders, awards, and proceedings, upon which shall be  
127 inscribed the words "State of Florida-Reemployment Assistance  
128 Appeals Commission-Seal," and it shall be judicially noticed.

129 ~~(11)~~ ~~The commission has authority to adopt rules under ss.~~  
130 ~~120.536(1) and 120.54 to administer the provisions of law~~

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131 | ~~conferring duties upon it.~~

132 |       (d)~~(12)~~ Orders of the commission relating to reemployment  
133 | assistance under this chapter are subject to review only by  
134 | notice of appeal to the district courts of appeal in the manner  
135 | provided in s. 443.151(4)(e).

136 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.