

By the Committee on Innovation, Industry, and Technology; and
Senator Perry

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Real Estate Appraisal
3 Board; amending s. 475.613, F.S.; revising the
4 composition of the board; requiring the board
5 membership to reflect the ethnic and gender diversity
6 of this state; providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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10 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 475.613, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 475.613 Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board.—

13 (1) There is created the Florida Real Estate Appraisal
14 Board, which shall consist of seven ~~nine~~ members appointed by
15 the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. Four
16 members of the board must be real estate appraisers who have
17 been engaged in the general practice of appraising real property
18 in this state for at least 5 years immediately preceding
19 appointment. In appointing real estate appraisers to the board,
20 while not excluding other appraisers, the Governor shall give
21 preference to real estate appraisers who are not primarily
22 engaged in real estate brokerage or mortgage lending activities.
23 One member ~~Two members~~ of the board must represent the appraisal
24 management industry. One member of the board must represent
25 organizations that use appraisals for the purpose of eminent
26 domain proceedings, financial transactions, or mortgage
27 insurance. One member ~~Two members~~ of the board must be a
28 representative ~~shall be representatives~~ of the general public
29 and shall not be connected in any way with the practice of real

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30 estate appraisal. The appraiser members shall be as
31 representative of the entire industry as possible, and
32 membership in a nationally recognized or state-recognized
33 appraisal organization shall not be a prerequisite to membership
34 on the board. Members of the board shall reflect the ethnic and
35 gender diversity of this state. To the extent possible, no more
36 than two members of the board shall be primarily affiliated with
37 any one particular national or state appraisal association. Two
38 of the members must be licensed or certified residential real
39 estate appraisers and two of the members must be certified
40 general real estate appraisers at the time of their appointment.

41 (a) Members of the board shall be appointed for 4-year
42 terms. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the board
43 shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the unexpired
44 term. Upon expiration of her or his term, a member of the board
45 shall continue to hold office until the appointment and
46 qualification of the member's successor. A member may not be
47 appointed for more than two consecutive terms. The Governor may
48 remove any member for cause.

49 (b) The headquarters for the board shall be in Orlando.

50 (c) The board shall meet at least once each calendar
51 quarter to conduct its business.

52 (d) The members of the board shall elect a chairperson at
53 the first meeting each year.

54 (e) Each member of the board is entitled to per diem and
55 travel expenses as set by legislative appropriation for each day
56 that the member engages in the business of the board.

57 Section 2. This act shall take effect November 1, 2020.