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The Board of Dental Examiners, established by Title 5, section 12004-A, subsection 10, and in this chapter called the "board," consists of 9 members, appointed by the Governor as follows: five members of the dental profession, 2 dental hygienists, one denturist and one representative of the public. [2003, c. 669, §1 (AMD) .]

1. Membership. A person is not eligible for appointment to the board who has been convicted of a violation of the provisions of this or any other prior dental practice act, or who has been convicted of a crime punishable by more than one year's imprisonment. A person is not eligible for appointment to the board who has served 10 years or more on a dental examining board in this State. Appointment of members must comply with Title 10, section 8009. The Governor may remove a member of the board on proven charges of inefficiency, incompetence, immorality or unprofessional conduct.

[2007, c. 695, Pt. B, §7 (AMD) .]

2. Dentists. The Governor may accept nominations from the Maine Dental Association and from other organizations and individuals.

Members of the dental profession must hold a valid dental license and must have been in the actual practice of dentistry in this State for at least 10 years immediately preceding the appointment. The term for a member who is a dentist is 5 years. A dentist is not eligible to serve as a member of the board while employing a dental hygienist who is a member of the board.

[1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §56 (AMD) .]

3. Dental hygienists. The dental hygienists must be qualified pursuant to subchapter 4, must be legal residents of the State and must have practiced in the State for at least 6 years immediately preceding appointment. The dental hygienist members of the board are full-voting members of the board. The term for a member who is a dental hygienist is 5 years. The Governor may accept nominations from the Maine Dental Hygienists' Association and from other organizations and individuals before the appointment of a hygienist to the board. A dental hygienist is not eligible to serve as a member of the board while employed by a dentist who is a member of the board.

[2003, c. 669, §2 (AMD) .]

3-A. Denturist. The denturist must be qualified pursuant to subchapter VI, must be a legal resident of the State and for appointments made after January 1, 2006, the denturist must have practiced in the State for at least 6 years immediately preceding appointment. The denturist member of the board is a full-voting member of the board. The term of the denturist is 5 years. A denturist is not eligible to serve as a member of the board while employed by a dentist who is a member of the board.

[2001, c. 260, Pt. B, §2 (NEW) .]

4. Public member. The public member is appointed to a 5-year term.

[1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §56 (AMD) .]

5. Compensation. The members of the board are entitled to compensation according to the provisions of Title 5, chapter 379. Expenses of the board members must be certified by the secretary of the board.

[1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §56 (AMD) .]

SECTION HISTORY

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