

OF COLUMBIA, OR THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO.

ARTICLE III. THE COMMISSION.

A. COMMISSION ESTABLISHED; MEMBERSHIP; QUALIFICATIONS OF COMMISSIONERS; NON-VOTING COMMISSIONERS.

THE EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION OF THE STATES, HEREINAFTER CALLED "THE COMMISSION," IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED. THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF SEVEN MEMBERS REPRESENTING EACH PARTY STATE. ONE OF SUCH MEMBERS SHALL BE THE GOVERNOR; TWO SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE SELECTED BY ITS RESPECTIVE HOUSES AND SERVING IN SUCH MANNER AS THE LEGISLATURE MAY DETERMINE; AND FOUR SHALL BE APPOINTED BY AND SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR, UNLESS THE LAWS OF THE STATE OTHERWISE PROVIDE. IF THE LAWS OF A STATE PREVENT LEGISLATORS FROM SERVING ON THE COMMISSION, SIX MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED AND SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR, UNLESS THE LAWS OF THE STATE OTHERWISE PROVIDE. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PRINCIPLES OR REQUIREMENTS WHICH A STATE MAY ESTABLISH FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND SERVICE OF ITS MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE FOR THE COMPOSITION OF THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE COMMISSION FROM EACH PARTY STATE SHALL BE THAT THE MEMBERS REPRESENTING SUCH STATE SHALL, BY VIRTUE OF THEIR TRAINING, EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE OR AFFILIATIONS BE IN A POSITION COLLECTIVELY TO REFLECT BROADLY THE INTERESTS OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT, HIGHER EDUCATION, THE STATE EDUCATION SYSTEM, LOCAL EDUCATION, LAY AND PROFESSIONAL, PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP. OF THOSE APPOINTEES, ONE SHALL BE THE HEAD OF A STATE AGENCY OR INSTITUTION, DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR, HAVING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ONE OR MORE PROGRAMS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION. IN ADDITION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE PARTY STATES, THERE MAY BE NOT TO EXCEED TEN NONVOTING COMMISSIONERS SELECTED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR TERMS OF ONE YEAR. SUCH COMMISSIONERS SHALL REPRESENT LEADING NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS OR PERSONS CONCERNED WITH EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION.

B. VOTING RIGHTS; QUORUM; MEETINGS; DELEGATION OF POWERS.

THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE EACH ON THE COMMISSION. NO ACTION OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE BINDING UNLESS TAKEN AT A MEETING AT WHICH A MAJORITY OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES ON THE COMMISSION ARE CAST IN FAVOR THEREOF. ACTION OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE ONLY AT A MEETING AT WHICH A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSIONERS ARE PRESENT. THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR. IN ITS BYLAWS, AND SUBJECT TO SUCH DIRECTIONS AND LIMITATIONS AS MAY BE CONTAINED THEREIN, THE COMMISSION MAY DELEGATE THE EXERCISE OF ANY OF ITS POWERS TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EXCEPT FOR THE POWER TO APPROVE BUDGETS OR REQUESTS FOR APPROPRIATIONS, THE POWER TO MAKE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV AND ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III (J).