

(F) "SPECIALIZED CUSTOMER PREMISES EQUIPMENT" OR "EQUIPMENT" MEANS ANY COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES DESIGNED TO ASSIST PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS IN USING THE BASIC TELEPHONE NETWORK.

(G) "VOUCHER SYSTEM" MEANS THE METHOD WHICH THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE EQUIPMENT.

6-602.

THERE IS A SPECIALIZED-CUSTOMER-PREMISES-EQUIPMENT-ADVISORY TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS BOARD UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

6-603.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS SHALL ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A PROGRAM TO ASSIST ELIGIBLE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS TO PURCHASE SPECIALIZED CUSTOMER PREMISES EQUIPMENT.

6-604.

(A) -- THE BOARD CONSISTS OF 13 INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WHO SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN, INCLUDING:

(1) -- 6 REPRESENTATIVES WHO NEED SPECIALIZED CUSTOMER PREMISES EQUIPMENT;

(2) -- 3 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PRIVATE BUSINESS SECTOR;

(3) -- 2 REPRESENTATIVES FROM NONPROFIT AGENCIES OR ORGANIZATIONS;

(4) -- 1 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION; AND

(5) -- 1 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S COUNSEL OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION;

(B) (1) -- THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 3 YEARS.

(2) -- THE TERMS OF MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ON JULY 17, 1989.

(3) -- AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

(4) -- A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.