

2. VALID PETITIONS SUBMITTED BY PRACTICING CERTIFIED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS SUPPORTING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CERTIFIED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD THAT ARE SIGNED BY AT LEAST 25 PRACTICING CERTIFIED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS IN THE STATE.

(2) THE BOARD SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION WITHIN:

(I) 4 MONTHS PRIOR TO AN UPCOMING VACANCY ON THE BOARD;
OR

(II) 2 MONTHS AFTER A VACANCY EXISTS ON THE BOARD.

(G) FOR EACH VACANCY OF A CERTIFIED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A)(2)(IV) OF THIS SECTION, THE GOVERNOR MAY:

(1) REAPPOINT A MEMBER WHO HAS NOT SERVED FOR MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE FULL TERMS; OR

(2) APPOINT A CERTIFIED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A)(2)(IV) OF THIS SECTION FROM LISTS SUBMITTED BY THE BOARD AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F)(1)(IV) OF THIS SECTION.

(H) Before taking office, each appointee to the Board shall take the oath required by Article I, § 9 of the State Constitution.

~~(g)~~ (I) (1) The term of a member is 4 years[, except that the initial term of one of the consumer members is 3 years].

(2) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the Board on [July 1, 1988] AUGUST 1, 2003.

(3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(4) A member may not serve more than 2 consecutive full terms.

~~(h)~~ (J) (1) If a vacancy occurs as to a member, the Governor shall appoint a new member to serve only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(2) To the extent practicable, the Governor shall fill any vacancy on the Board within 60 days of the date of the vacancy.

~~(i)~~ (K) (1) On the recommendation of the Board, the Secretary may remove any member of the Board for neglect of duty, misconduct, malfeasance, or misfeasance in office.

(2) Upon the recommendation of the Secretary, the Governor may remove a member whom the Secretary finds to have been absent from 2 successive Board meetings without adequate reason.