

Legislative Bill 547

Survey of other Boards and Commissions talking points

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Legislative Bill 547 proposes to add 5 special interest members to the existing eight member Board of Engineers and Architects. The current make-up of the Board is (3) Architects, (4) Engineers, and (1) public member.

The five added members include:

- local code enforcement official
- building contractor
- home builder
- municipal official (other than a local code enforcement official)
- real estate broker or salesperson

The proposed makeup of the board under Legislative Bill 547:

Thirteen members to include:

- 4 engineers
- 3 architects
- 1 member of the public
- five special interest members

Adding the above members to the Board of Engineers and Architects is arguably as outlandish as adding such members to the following boards and commissions. In addition, no board as set forth below has a thirteen person membership or a composition that includes essentially 6 nonprofessionals.

Board of Public Accountancy

Eight members appointed by the Governor.

- Six members of the board shall be holders of permits issued under section 1-136 (e.g. accountants)
- Two members of the board shall be laypersons

Real Estate Commission

Secretary of State, chairperson

Six members appointed by the Governor.

- Four of the members of the commission appointed by the Governor shall be active and licensed real estate brokers who have engaged in the real estate business as brokers or associate brokers for not less than 5 years
- Remaining members shall be appointed at large (1) representative of the public and (1) licensed real estate salesperson who has engaged in the real estate business as a salesperson for not less than three years.

Real Estate Appraiser Board:

Five members.

- One member who is a certified real estate appraiser shall be selected from each of the three congressional districts. (3 total)
- Two members selected at large (shall include one representative of financial institutions and one licensed real estate broker). (2 total)

Dentistry:

Ten members including at least 2 public members

- 2 of the eight professional members of the Board of Dentistry shall be dentists who are officials or members of the instructional staff of an accredited school or college of dentistry in this state
- 2 of the members of the board shall be dental hygienists licensed

Medicine and Surgery:

Eight members including at least 2 public members

2 of the six professional members shall be officials or members of instructional staff of an accredited medical school in Nebraska

Pharmacy:

Five members including at least one public member

Nebraska Bar Commission

Per Neb. Rev. Stat. 7-102, the Nebraska Supreme Court appoints a bar commission composed of not less than 6 persons learned in the law.

Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Board:

Five members including at least one public member

- 2 members who are audiologists
- 2 members who are speech language pathologists
- 1 public member

Board of Athletic Training

Four members.

- 3 athletic trainers
- 1 member of the public

Board of Respiratory Care Practice:

2 respiratory care practitioners

1 physician

1 public member

Psychology:

Seven members including at least 2 public members

Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy:

2 medical nutrition therapists

1 physician

1 public member