

16.2 Establishment of authority title guaranty division.

1. The Iowa finance authority is established, and constituted a public instrumentality and agency of the state exercising public and essential governmental functions, to undertake programs which assist in attainment of adequate housing for low or moderate income families, elderly families, and families which include one or more persons with disabilities, and to undertake the Iowa homesteading program, the small business loan program, the export business finance program, and other finance programs. The powers of the authority are vested in and shall be exercised by a board of nine members appointed by the governor subject to confirmation by the senate. No more than five members shall belong to the same political party. As far as possible the governor shall include within the membership persons who represent community and housing development industries, housing finance industries, the real estate sales industry, elderly families, minorities, lower income families, very low income families, families which include persons with disabilities, average taxpayers, local government, business and international trade interests, and any other person specially interested in community housing, finance, small business, or export business development.

A title guaranty division is created within the authority. The powers of the division relating to the issuance of title guaranties are vested in and shall be exercised by a division board of five members appointed by the governor subject to confirmation by the senate. The membership of the board shall include an attorney, an abstractor, a real estate broker, a representative of a mortgage-lender, and a representative of the housing development industry. The executive director of the authority shall appoint an attorney as director of the title guaranty division who shall serve as an ex officio member of the board. The appointment of and compensation for the division director are exempt from the merit system provisions of chapter 8A, subchapter IV.

a. Members of the board of the division shall be appointed by the governor for staggered terms of six years beginning and ending as provided in section 69.19. A person shall not serve on the division board while serving on the authority board. A person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired portion of the term. A member is eligible for reappointment. A member of the division board may be removed from office by the governor for misfeasance, malfeasance or willful neglect of duty or for other just cause, after notice and hearing, unless notice and hearing is expressly waived in writing.

b. Three members of the board shall constitute a quorum. An affirmative vote of a majority of the appointed members is necessary for any substantive action taken by the division.

c. Members of the board are entitled to receive a per diem as specified in section 7E.6 for each day spent in performance of duties as members and shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of duties as members.

d. Members of the board and the director shall give bond as required for public officers in chapter 64.

e. Meetings of the board shall be held at the call of the chair of the board or on written request of two members.

f. Members shall elect a chair and vice chair annually and other officers as they determine. The director shall serve as secretary to the board.

g. The net earnings of the division, beyond that necessary for reserves, backing, guaranties issued or to otherwise implement the public purposes and programs authorized, shall not inure to the benefit of any person other than the state and are subject to subsection 8.

2. Members of the authority shall be appointed by the governor for staggered terms of six years beginning and ending as provided in section 69.19. A person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired portion of the term. A member is eligible for reappointment. A member of the authority may be

removed from office by the governor for misfeasance, malfeasance or willful neglect of duty or other just cause, after notice and hearing, unless the notice and hearing is expressly waived in writing.

3. Five members of the authority constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of a majority of the appointed members is necessary for any substantive action taken by the authority. The majority shall not include any member who has a conflict of interest and a statement by a member of a conflict of interest shall be conclusive for this purpose. A vacancy in the membership does not impair the right of a quorum to exercise all rights and perform all duties of the authority.

4. Members of the authority are entitled to receive a per diem as specified in section 7E.6 for each day spent in performance of duties as members, and shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of duties as members.

5. Members of the authority and the executive director shall give bond as required for public officers in chapter 64.

6. Meetings of the authority shall be held at the call of the chairperson or whenever two members so request.

7. Members shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson annually, and other officers as they determine, but the executive director shall serve as secretary to the authority.

8. The net earnings of the authority, beyond that necessary for retirement of its notes, bonds or other obligations, or to implement the public purposes and programs herein authorized, shall not inure to the benefit of any person other than the state. Upon termination of the existence of the authority, title to all property owned by the authority, including any such net earnings of the authority, shall vest in the state. The state reserves the right at any time to alter, amend, repeal, or otherwise change the structure, organization, programs or activities of the authority, including the power to terminate the authority, except that no law shall ever be passed impairing the obligation of any contract or contracts entered into by the authority to the extent that any such law would contravene Article I, section 21 of the Constitution of the state of Iowa or Article I, section 10 of the Constitution of the United States.

[C77, 79, 81, § 220.2; 81 Acts, ch 76, § 2]

84 Acts, ch 1281, § 6; 85 Acts, ch 252, §26; 87 Acts, ch 141, § 2; 88 Acts, ch 1158, § 49; 90 Acts, ch 1256, § 37, 38

C93, § 16.2

96 Acts, ch 1129, §9; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §139

Footnotes

Confirmation, see § 2.32