

## CHAPTER 13A

### PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS TRAINING COORDINATOR

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#### 13A.1 Definitions.

As used in this chapter unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “Coordinator” means the prosecuting attorneys training coordinator.
2. “Council” means the prosecuting attorneys training coordination council.
3. “Office” means the office of prosecuting attorneys training coordinator established in this chapter.
4. “Prosecuting attorneys” means county attorney, district attorney, or any attorney charged with responsibility of prosecution of violation of state laws.  
[C77, 79, 81, §13A.1]

#### 13A.2 Establishment of office and council — coordinator.

1. The office of the prosecuting attorneys training coordinator is established as an entity in the department of justice.
2. The prosecuting attorneys training coordination council is established to consult with and advise the attorney general and the coordinator on the operation of the office.
3. The attorney general shall, with the advice and consent of the council, appoint an attorney with knowledge and experience in prosecution to the office of prosecuting attorneys training coordinator. The prosecuting attorneys training coordinator shall be the administrator of the office of the prosecuting attorneys training coordinator. The coordinator’s term of office is four years, beginning on July 1 of the year of appointment and ending on June 30 of the year of expiration.
4. If a vacancy occurs in the office of prosecuting attorneys training coordinator, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as the original appointment was made.
5. The attorney general may, with the advice of the council, remove the prosecuting attorneys training coordinator for malfeasance or nonfeasance in office, for any cause which renders the coordinator ineligible for appointment, or for any cause which renders the coordinator incapable or unfit to discharge the duties of office. The prosecuting attorneys training coordinator may also be removed upon the unanimous vote of the council. The removal of a prosecuting attorneys training coordinator under this section is final.

[C77, 79, 81, §13A.2]  
86 Acts, ch 1245, §2056; 93 Acts, ch 171, §16, 17

#### 13A.3 Membership and terms.

1. The council shall consist of five members as follows:
  - a. The attorney general or the attorney general’s designated representative.
  - b. The president of the Iowa county attorneys association or its successor.
  - c. Three members elected by the Iowa county attorneys association or its successor.
2. A member shall vacate an appointment upon termination of the member’s official position as a prosecuting attorney or an attorney general. A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. A member appointed to fill a vacancy created other than by expiration of a term on the council shall be appointed for the unexpired term of the member whom the new member is to succeed in the same manner as the original appointment. Any member may be reappointed for an additional term.

3. The terms of the elected members shall be three years and shall be staggered so that one member is elected each year.

[C77, 79, 81, §13A.3]  
2008 Acts, ch 1031, §12

#### **13A.4 Organization.**

The council shall designate from among its members a chairperson and vice chairperson who shall serve for one-year terms and who may be reelected. Membership on the council shall not constitute holding a public office, and members of the council shall not be required to take and file oaths of office before serving on the council. A member of the council shall not be disqualified from holding any public office or employment by reason of membership on the council, nor shall one member forfeit the office or employment, by reason of appointment under this chapter, notwithstanding the provisions of any law, ordinance or city charter.

[C77, 79, 81, §13A.4]

#### **13A.5 Meetings.**

The council shall meet at least four times each year and shall hold meetings when called by the chairperson, or in the absence of the chairperson, by the vice chairperson or when called by the chairperson upon the written request of three members of the council. The council shall establish its own procedures and requirements with respect to quorum, place and conduct of its meetings and other matters.

[C77, 79, 81, §13A.5]

#### **13A.6 Report required.**

The prosecuting attorneys training coordinator shall make an annual report to the attorney general, the governor, and to the Iowa county attorneys association or its successor regarding the efforts of the office to implement the purposes of this chapter.

[C77, 79, 81, §13A.6]  
86 Acts, ch 1245, §2057

#### **13A.7 Expenses paid.**

The members of the council shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to their actual expenses in attending meetings and in the performance of their duties.

[C77, 79, 81, §13A.7]

#### **13A.8 Duties.**

The office shall keep the prosecuting attorneys and assistant prosecuting attorneys of the state informed of all changes in law and matters pertaining to their office to the end that a uniform system of conduct, duty and procedure is established in each county of the state.

[C77, 79, 81, §13A.8]  
86 Acts, ch 1245, §2058

#### **13A.9 Authority.**

The prosecuting attorneys training coordinator may:

1. Enter into agreements with other public or private agencies or organizations to implement this chapter.
2. Cooperate with and assist other public or private agencies or organizations to implement this chapter.
3. Make recommendations to the general assembly on matters pertaining to the responsibilities of the office under this chapter.

[C77, 79, 81, §13A.9]  
86 Acts, ch 1245, §2059; 2012 Acts, ch 1023, §157  
[T] Code editor directive applied

**13A.10 Receipt of funds.**

The office of the prosecuting attorneys training coordinator may accept funds, grants and gifts from any public or private source which shall be used to defray the expenses incident to implementing the responsibilities of the office under this chapter.

[C77, 79, 81, §13A.10]

86 Acts, ch 1245, §2060

**13A.11 Citation.**

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the “*Prosecuting Attorneys Training Coordinator Act of 1975*”.

[C77, 79, 81, §13A.11]