

475A.1 Consumer advocate.

1. *Appointment.* The attorney general shall appoint a competent attorney to the office of consumer advocate, subject to confirmation by the senate, in accordance with section 2.32. The consumer advocate is the chief administrator of the consumer advocate division of the department of justice. The advocate's term of office is for four years. The term begins and ends in the same manner as set forth in section 69.19.

2. *Vacancy.* If a vacancy occurs in the office of consumer advocate, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment under the procedures of section 2.32.

3. *Disqualification.* The existence of a fact which disqualifies a person from election or acting as utilities board member under section 474.2 disqualifies the person from appointment or acting as consumer advocate.

4. *Political activity prohibited.* The consumer advocate shall devote the advocate's entire time to the duties of the office; and during the advocate's term of office the advocate shall not be a member of a political committee or contribute to a political campaign fund other than through the income tax checkoff for contributions to the Iowa election campaign fund and the presidential election campaign fund or take part in political campaigns or be a candidate for a political office.

5. *Removal.* The attorney general may remove the consumer advocate for malfeasance or nonfeasance in office, or for any cause which renders the advocate ineligible for appointment, or incapable or unfit to discharge the duties of the advocate's office; and the advocate's removal, when so made, is final.

83 Acts, ch 127, §8, 46; 86 Acts, ch 1245, §742, 743