

**504.805 Terms of directors generally.**

1. The articles or bylaws of a corporation may specify the terms of directors. If the term is not specified in the articles or bylaws, the term of a director is one year. Except for designated or appointed directors, and except as otherwise provided in the articles or bylaws, the terms of directors shall not exceed five years. Directors may be elected for successive terms.

2. A decrease in the number or term of directors does not shorten an incumbent director's term.

3. Except as provided in the articles or bylaws, both of the following apply:

a. The term of a director filling a vacancy in the office of a director elected by members expires at the next election of directors by members.

b. The term of a director filling any other vacancy expires at the end of the unexpired term which such director is filling.

4. Despite the expiration of a director's term, the director continues to serve until the director's successor is elected, designated, or appointed, and qualifies, or until there is a decrease in the number of directors.

[2004 Acts, ch 1049, §76, 192](#); [2015 Acts, ch 45, §7](#)