

Board of Parole

6th Floor, Lucas State Office Bldg., Des Moines

Appointed by Governor, Confirmed by the Senate.

Term of six years.

JACK H. BEDELL, Spirit Lake, Republican; term expires June 30, 1981.

SILAS S. EWING, Des Moines, Democrat; term expires June 30, 1977.

DONALD L. OLSON, West Des Moines, Executive Secretary.

The Board of Parole was established in 1907 by the Thirty-seventh General Assembly.

The board is charged with the duty of investigating and studying the cases of prisoners confined in the penitentiary and the men's and women's reformatories and is authorized to release on parole any prisoner, except those serving life terms, after serving the portion of the maximum term it deems proper. On July 1, 1968, the supervision of parolees and probationers was delegated by statute to the Department of Social Services. However, the board may revoke and remand to prison any person it has released on parole for any reason it deems proper. It also retains the power to grant a final discharge to any parolee or probationer under the supervision of the Bureau of Community Correction Services of the Department of Social Services, usually on the recommendation of the supervising officer.

The board also serves in an advisory capacity to the Governor, since under the law all applicants for restoration of citizenship rights, pardons, or commutations, in felony cases, must be referred to the board by the Governor for study and recommendation before he may act upon them. By statute, each member serves as chairman during the last two years of his appointment.

Board of Voting Machine Commissioners

RALPH DeCOOK, Pella.

DOROTHY ELLIOTT, Nevada.

ROY E. VOEKLER, Oskaloosa.

The board passes on the capacity of voting machines to perform satisfactorily. Approval of this board is required before a new type of machine can be adopted.

Bureau of Labor

East Seventh and Court, Des Moines

Commissioner appointed by the Governor.

Term: two years — expires June 30, 1977.

JERRY LEE ADDY, Commissioner.

The office of labor commissioner was created by the 20th General Assembly in 1884.

Under the provisions of law, the commissioner is a member of the private employment agency commission and chairman of the committee on child labor.

The bureau is responsible for the enforcement of laws relating to occupational safety and health, child labor, passenger and freight elevators, installation and inspection of fired and unfired pressure vessels, private employment agencies, reporting of work injuries and illnesses, and the inspection and regulation of amusement rides.

The Iowa Bureau of Labor is also working with the area community colleges on a federal grant for education of the general public on safety standards.