

490.803 Number and election of directors.

1. A board of directors must consist of one or more individuals, with the number specified in or fixed in accordance with the articles of incorporation or bylaws.

2. *a.* The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by amendment to, or in the manner provided in, the articles of incorporation or the bylaws.

b. (1) Notwithstanding paragraph “*a*”, the number of directors of a public corporation subject to [section 490.806A, subsection 1](#), or [section 490.806B](#), shall be increased or decreased only by the affirmative vote of a majority of its board of directors.

(2) This paragraph “*b*” is repealed on January 1, 2022.

3. *a.* Directors are elected at the first annual shareholders’ meeting and at each annual meeting thereafter unless their terms are staggered under [section 490.806](#).

b. (1) Notwithstanding paragraph “*a*”, for a public corporation subject to [section 490.806A, subsection 1](#), or [section 490.806B](#), a director’s term shall be staggered as provided in [section 490.806A, subsection 1](#), or may be staggered as provided in [section 490.806B](#).

(2) This paragraph “*b*” is repealed on January 1, 2022.

[89 Acts, ch 288, §74; 91 Acts, ch 211, §5; 2002 Acts, ch 1154, §32, 125; 2011 Acts, ch 2, §3, 10; 2018 Acts, ch 1015, §1; 2019 Acts, ch 59, §174](#)

Referred to in [§490.806B](#)