

# BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

## SECTION 6010-6034

6012. (a) State Bar Districts, as they existed on December 31, 2011, pursuant to Section 6012.5, as added by Chapter 1223 of the Statutes of 1989, shall cease, pursuant to the act that added this section, for purposes of the election of attorney members of the board. However, attorney members who were elected in 2009, 2010, or 2011 to serve for a three-year term commencing at the conclusion of the annual meeting held in those years shall be eligible to serve their full three-year terms.

(b) Commencing on January 1, 2012, State Bar Districts shall be based on the six court of appeal districts as constituted pursuant to Section 69100 of the Government Code, as they existed on December 31, 2011. The board shall provide for the election of six attorney members of the board from these six State Bar Districts as specified in Section 6013.2.

6013.5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, six members of the board shall be members of the public who have never been members of the State Bar or admitted to practice before any court in the United States. They shall be appointed through 1982 by the Governor, subject to the confirmation of the Senate.

Each of such members shall serve for a term of three years, commencing at the conclusion of the annual meeting next succeeding his appointment, except that for the initial term after enactment of this section, two shall serve for one year, two for two years, and the other two for three years, as determined by lot.

In 1983 one public member shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and one public member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

For each of the years, 1984 and 1985, two public members shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to the confirmation of the Senate.

Each respective appointing authority shall fill any vacancy in and make any reappointment to each respective office.

6016. The term of office of each attorney member of the board shall commence at the conclusion of the annual meeting next succeeding his or her election or appointment, and he or she shall hold office until his or her successor is elected or appointed and qualified. For the purposes of this section, the time intervening between any two successive annual meetings shall be deemed to be one year.

Except as specified in Section 6013.1, vacancies in the board of trustees shall be filled by the board by special election or by appointment for the unexpired term.

The board of trustees may provide by rule for an interim board to act in the place and stead of the board when because of vacancies during terms of office there is less than a quorum of the board.

6019. Each place upon the board for which a member is to be elected or appointed shall for the purposes of the election or appointment be deemed a separate office

If only one member seeks election to an office, the member is deemed elected. If two or more members seek election to the same office, the election shall be by ballot. The ballots shall be distributed to those entitled to vote at least twenty days prior to the date of canvassing the ballots and shall be returned to a site or sites designated by the State Bar, where they shall be canvassed at least five days prior to the ensuing annual meeting. At the annual meeting, the count shall be certified and the result officially declared.

In all other respects the elections shall be as the board may by rule direct.

6021. (a) (1) Within the period of 90 days next preceding the annual meeting, the board, at a meeting called for that purpose, shall elect the president, vice president, and treasurer for the ensuing year. The president, the vice president, and the treasurer shall be elected from among all members of the board.

(2) The newly elected president, vice president, and treasurer shall assume the duties of their respective offices at the conclusion of the annual meeting following their election.

(b) The term of the board president shall be one year, except that he or she may be reelected to a second one-year term as the board president.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 6009.7 and 6011 regarding a 19-member board, if the president is elected from among those members of the board whose terms on the board expire that year and has not been reelected or reappointed to another term under Section 6013.1, 6013.2, 6013.3, or 6013.5, the president shall serve as a 20th member of the board during his or her one-year term, and he or she may vote.

6025. Subject to the laws of this State, the board may formulate and declare rules and regulations necessary or expedient for the carrying out of this chapter.

The board shall by rule fix the time and place of the annual meeting of the State Bar, the manner of calling special meetings thereof and determine what number shall constitute a quorum of the State Bar.

6026. At the annual meeting, reports of the proceedings by the board since the last annual meeting, reports of other officers and committees and recommendations of the board shall be received.

Matters of interest pertaining to the State Bar and the administration of justice may be considered and acted upon.