

CHAPTER 222

AN ACT concerning the officers of the board of directors of the Educational Opportunity Fund and amending P.L.1968, c.142.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 5 of P.L.1968, c.142 (C.18A:71-32) is amended to read as follows:

C.18A:71-32 Membership.

5. (a) The board of directors of the fund shall consist of the chairman of the Commission on Higher Education and the chairperson of the Board of the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority or their designees from among the public members and eight citizens of this State appointed by the Governor. Citizen members of the board shall be selected without regard to political affiliation and, as far as may be practicable, on the basis of their knowledge of, or interest in, the problems of needy students and higher education. The board shall organize annually as established by rule of the board to elect a chairman, vice chairman and other officers as the board shall determine from among its members. The officers shall serve for a two-year term and until their successors are elected and qualified. Vacancies in the offices shall be filled in the same manner for the unexpired term only.

(b) Each citizen member of the board shall serve for a term of four years and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified; provided, that in the case of the first appointments to the board, two members shall be appointed for terms expiring June 30, 1969; two members shall be appointed for terms expiring June 30, 1970; two members shall be appointed for terms expiring June 30, 1971; and two members shall be appointed for terms expiring June 30, 1972. Any vacancy in the membership of the board shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(c) The board shall develop and maintain a Statewide system for the identification of potential college students from needy families; devise methods for recruiting such students; advise the commission on the organization, coordination and support, in cooperation with public and private institutions of higher education of the State, of programs of remedial education for such students; and provide financial assistance as required by such students.

(d) Members of the board shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 9, 2004.