125.274 Township zoning board; appointment, qualifications, and terms of members; vacancy; removal.

Sec. 4. In a township in which this act becomes operative, there shall be a permanent township zoning board composed of 4 members. The township board may provide by resolution for a zoning board composed of not to exceed 7 members, each to be appointed by the township board. The members of the zoning board shall be selected upon the basis of their respective qualifications and fitness to serve as members of a zoning board and without consideration for their political activities. Of the members first appointed, 2 shall be appointed for terms of 2 years each. The other 2 members shall be appointed for terms of 4 years each; or in case of a township zoning board of more than 4 members, 3 shall be first appointed for 2 years each and the others first appointed for 4 years each. A member of the zoning board shall serve until a successor is appointed and has qualified. Upon the expiration of the terms of the members first appointed, successors shall be appointed, in like manner, for terms of 4 years each. A vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as is provided for the appointment in the first instance for the remainder of the unexpired term. An elected officer of the township or an employee of the township board shall not serve simultaneously as a member or an employee of the zoning board. Members of the zoning board shall be removable for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office by the township board upon written charges and after public hearing.