141.1238 Emergency financial manager; nominees; appointment, qualifications, and term; contract; compensation and expenses; staff and professional assistance.

Sec. 38. (1) If the superintendent of public instruction determines under section 35 or 36 that a school district has a financial emergency, the superintendent of public instruction, within 30 days after that determination, shall submit to the state board the names of nominees who shall be considered for appointment to serve as an emergency financial manager for the school district. From the list of nominees submitted to the state board, the state board shall submit to the governor the names of not more than 3 nominees who shall be considered for appointment to serve as an emergency financial manager for the school district. From the list of nominees submitted to the governor, the governor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the senate, an emergency financial manager for the school district who shall hold office for a term fixed by the governor, but not to exceed 1 year. The appointment shall be by written contract and may be renewed on an annual basis for not more than 1 year.

(2) An emergency financial manager appointed under this article shall be chosen solely on the basis of his or her competence in fiscal matters and shall not have been either an elected or appointed official or employee of the school district for which he or she is appointed for not less than 5 years before the appointment. The emergency financial manager shall not be the superintendent of public instruction. The emergency financial manager need not be a resident of the school district for which he or she is appointed.

(3) Unless the legislature provides special funding, an emergency financial manager shall receive compensation and reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses from the school district as approved by the superintendent of public instruction. In addition to staff otherwise authorized by law, with the approval of the superintendent of public instruction, the emergency financial manager may appoint additional staff and secure professional assistance considered necessary to implement this article.