338.973 Board of mechanical rules; creation; appointment, qualifications, and terms of members; vacancy; removal; disclosure of pecuniary interest; reimbursement; election of vice-chairperson and secretary; designation of chairperson.

Sec. 3. (1) There is created within the department a board of mechanical rules that consists of the state fire marshal or the state fire marshal's designee, who shall be a permanent member, and 14 residents of the state to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. Appointed members shall be not less than 18 years of age and qualified in their respective fields. Appointed members of the board shall include 1 person from the general public; a member of organized labor representing the mechanical trades; a professional mechanical engineer registered in this state; a representative of an energy-producing public utility of the state; a representative from each of the work classifications set forth in section 6(3); and 2 chief mechanical inspectors of governmental subdivisions, 1 of whom enforces the building officials and code administrators building code, and 1 of whom enforces the international conference of building officials building code. A member of the board appointed by the governor before January 1, 2007 shall be appointed for a term of 2 years, except that a vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term. A member of the board appointed by the governor after December 31, 2006 shall be appointed for a term of 4 years, except that a vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term. A member of the board may be removed from office by the governor in accordance with section 10 of article V of the state constitution of 1963. A member of the board who has a pecuniary interest in a matter shall disclose that interest before the board takes action in the matter, which disclosure shall be made a matter of record in the board's official proceedings. Each member of the board, except the state fire marshal or the state fire marshal's designee, shall receive reimbursement for actual expenses incurred by the member in the performance of his or her duties as a member of the board, subject to available appropriations. Travel or other expenses incurred by a member of a board in the performance of an official function shall be payable by the department pursuant to the standardized travel regulations of the department of management and budget, subject to available appropriations. A member of the board shall not serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

(2) At the first meeting of each year, the board shall elect from its membership a vice-chairperson and secretary. The vice-chairperson and secretary shall be elected from those members appointed to the board by the governor, except that the board members who are chief mechanical inspectors are not eligible for election as vice-chairperson of the board. After December 31, 2006, the governor shall designate 1 member of the board to serve as chairperson at the pleasure of the governor.


For transfer of member of board of mechanical rules designated for state fire marshal to the director of department of labor and economic growth, see E.R.O. No. 2003-1, compiled at MCL 445.2011.