421.5 Employment security commission; director; appointment, term, and duties; annual salary; employees and assistants; delegation of authority; compensation and expenses; bond; appointment and qualifications of persons to assist employers and represent claimants.

Sec. 5. (1) The commission by affirmative vote of not less than 3 of its members shall appoint an administrative officer, hereinafter referred to as the director, who shall serve at the pleasure of the commission and shall act as secretary of the commission and shall perform other duties as shall be delegated by the commission. The director shall receive an annual salary as established annually by the legislature and shall be entitled to the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of his or her official duties, to be paid from the administration fund. The director shall devote his or her entire time to the duties of the office. The director may appoint, with the approval of the commission, employees and assistants as shall be necessary for the proper exercise of the powers hereby granted, and subject to the approval of the commission may delegate to those employees or assistants the authority as he or she considers reasonable and necessary. Employees and assistants shall receive their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties. Compensation and expenses of the director and all assistants and employees shall be paid from the administration fund. The commission may incur expenses as shall be required to carry out this act.

(2) The commission shall arrange for a suitable bond for any person holding moneys or signing checks or vouchers under this act. The cost of the bond shall be paid from the administration fund under section 10.

(3) The director, in consultation with the commission, shall appoint not to exceed 20 persons who shall be law students or other persons who have previous experience in unemployment compensation for the purposes of providing assistance to employers in interpreting the provisions of this act and to represent claimants at the referee and board of review hearing levels. Appointments made under this subsection shall not exceed 20 full-time equivalent positions and shall terminate April 1, 1986.


Compiler's note: For creation of bureau of worker's and unemployment compensation within department of consumer and industry services; transfer of powers and duties of bureau of worker's compensation and unemployment agency to bureau of worker's and unemployment compensation; transfer of powers and duties of director of bureau of worker's compensation and director of unemployment agency to director of bureau of worker's and unemployment compensation; and, transfer of powers and duties of wage and hour division of worker's compensation board of magistrates to bureau of worker's and unemployment compensation, see E.R.O. No. 2002-1, compiled at MCL 445.2004 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

For creation of the unemployment insurance agency as type II agency within the department of labor and economic growth, see E.R.O. No. 2003-1, compiled at MCL 445.411.

For transfer of powers and duties of the unemployment agency, transferred to the bureau of worker's and unemployment compensation under MCL 445.2004, to the bureau to the unemployment insurance agency, see E.R.O. No 2003-1, compiled at MCL 445.2011.

For transfer of powers and duties of unemployment insurance agency, including powers and duties of its director, from department of licensing and regulatory affairs to Michigan talent investment agency, see E.R.O. No. 2014-6, compiled at MCL 125.1995.

For the transfer of powers and duties of the unemployment insurance agency, including powers and duties of its director, from the Michigan talent investment agency to the department of labor and economic opportunity and for the creation of the unemployment insurance appeals commission within the unemployment insurance agency, see E.R.O. No. 2019-3, compiled at MCL 125.1998.