CHAPTER 7

Educational Television Commission

**SECTION 59‑7‑10.** Educational Television Commission created; appointment and terms of members.

There is hereby created the South Carolina Educational Television Commission, which shall be composed of the Superintendent of Education, who shall be a member of the commission, ex officio, and in addition the commission shall be composed of eight members to be appointed by the Governor as follows: One shall be appointed from each of the congressional districts, and one shall be appointed from the State at large, who shall be named by the Governor as chairman of the commission. The term of the member who serves ex officio shall be coterminous with the term of the office to which he was elected, and the terms of the members appointed by the Governor shall be for six years, except that of those first appointed two shall serve for terms of two years, two shall serve for terms of four years and three shall serve for terms of six years, after which the terms of all members shall be for six years.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 21‑60; 1960 (51) 1779; 1991 Act No. 248, Section 6; 2012 Act No. 176, Section 1, eff May 25, 2012.

Editor’s Note

2012 Act No. 176, Sections 18 and 19, provide as follows:

“SECTION 18. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any person elected or appointed to serve, or serving, as a member of any board or commission to represent a Congressional district, whose residency is transferred to another district by a change in the composition of the district, may serve, or continue to serve, the term of office for which he was elected or appointed; however, the appointing or electing authority shall appoint or elect an additional member on that board or commission from the district which loses a resident member as a result of the transfer to serve until the term of the transferred member expires. When a vacancy occurs in the district to which a member has been transferred, the vacancy must not be filled until the full term of the transferred member expires.

“SECTION 19. In the event that elections for incumbent university board of trustees’ seats whose terms are expiring this year are not held prior to June 30, 2012, current board members will retain their seats until the General Assembly reconvenes and holds elections.”

Effect of Amendment

The 2012 amendment substituted “eight” for “seven”; removed the word “six” preceding the phrase “congressional districts”.

CROSS REFERENCES

Committee members, rather than chairmen, may be elected to serve ex officio on boards and commissions, see Section 2‑1‑90.

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C.J.S. States Sections 61, 79 to 80, 82 to 85, 87, 91 to 92, 102 to 103, 123, 136.

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S.C. Jur. Telecommunications Section 31, Education Television Commission.

Attorney General’s Opinions

Meeting of South Carolina Educational Television Commission, conducted without quorum, is not illegal, but any action taken at meeting, is void. Ex officio member must be counted to determine whether quorum is present. Commission member must vote in person and cannot send proxy, absent statutory authorization. Commission members who are ex officio by virtue of chairing specified legislative committee cannot appoint another committee member to attend in his place. Committee itself can elect another member to serve in chairman’s place. 1984 Op Atty Gen, No. 84‑54, p. 136.

Commission is instrumentality of State and exempt from Federal and State income taxes. Op Atty Gen, February 14, 1963.

**SECTION 59‑7‑20.** Advisory committees.

The Commission shall appoint an advisory committee of educators and an advisory committee of technical experts, each of which shall consist of such numbers as the Commission may deem advisable, and the terms of the members of the committee of educators and committee of technical experts shall be for such length and under such conditions as the Commission may decide.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 21‑60.1; 1960 (51) 1779.

**SECTION 59‑7‑30.** Compensation.

The members of the Commission and each of the advisory committees shall receive such per diem and mileage as authorized by law for other boards and commissions of the State.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 21‑60.2; 1960 (51) 1779.

**SECTION 59‑7‑40.** Studies and reports; cooperation of State agencies; acquisition of property.

The Commission shall make a complete study of the use of educational television and its adaptation for instructional purposes in all of the public schools of the State. The State Department of Education and any other State agency shall render such assistance, advice and cooperation as may be within their means upon the request of the Commission. The Commission shall make such report with recommendations as may be desirable to the Governor and the General Assembly from time to time. The Commission may purchase, lease or otherwise acquire and operate such educational television, radio, and related equipment and facilities as are required to develop, promote and extend educational programs to meet the needs of the State and its citizens.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 21‑60.3; 1960 (51) 1779; 1971 (57) 484.

RESEARCH REFERENCES

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S.C. Jur. Telecommunications Section 31, Education Television Commission.

**SECTION 59‑7‑50.** Contributions; lease or sale of use of facilities, equipment and other program related materials.

The Commission shall have the power to accept contributions from all persons, firms and corporations who may wish to contribute to the program, provided, that both the acceptance and use of any such contributions shall be subject to express approval by the State Budget and Control Board. The Commission may lease or sell the use of its facilities, equipment, programs, publications and other program related materials on such terms as the Commission deems advantageous, and funds received therefrom shall be used for Commission purposes.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 21‑60.4; 1960 (51) 1779; 1971 (57) 484.

Code Commissioner’s Note

At the direction of the Code Commissioner, reference in this section to the former Budget and Control Board has not been changed pursuant to the directive of the South Carolina Restructuring Act, 2014 Act No. 121, Section 5(D)(1), until further action by the General Assembly.

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C.J.S. Telegraphs, Telephones, Radio, and Television Section 153.

**SECTION 59‑7‑60.** Textbooks and curricula in educational television.

The textbooks and curricula in educational television shall be in conformity with the general policies of the State Department of Education.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 21‑60.5; 1962 (52) 1741.

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C.J.S. Schools and School Districts Sections 786, 788.