

24.4 Appointments; Term of Service; Vacancies; and Removal from Office.

(a) Appointments. The judge shall screen, select and appoint individuals to serve on local judicial citizen review panels. The judge shall seek to select persons who represent a cross-section of the community with respect to race, economic status, gender, and ethnic background. Any person employed by DFCS, any juvenile court except for the person designated by the judge as the local program coordinator, or any person who serves as a legal guardian or custodian of a child in temporary foster care shall not be eligible to serve on any local judicial citizen review panels; provided, however, that any person serving as a member of a local judicial citizen review panel on July 1, 1991, who would be ineligible to serve under these rules may continue to do so until the judge appoints a qualified replacement.

(b) Term of Service. Judicial citizen review panel members shall serve at the pleasure of the judge for a term of one (1) year. The panel member may continue to serve as long as the panel member meets the requirements of the Program Guidelines.

(c) Vacancies. In the event that a vacancy arises, the judge shall appoint a qualified individual to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

(d) Removal from Office. The judge may remove a panel member for: (1) failure to meet the certification requirements as provided in the Program Guidelines; (2) displaying any behavior which hinders the overall effectiveness of the panel; (3) violating the oath of confidentiality; or (4) conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude.