

**65-5404. Occupational therapist council established; appointment of members; compensation.** (a) There is established an occupational therapist council to advise the board in carrying out the provisions of this act. The council shall consist of five members, all citizens and residents of the state of Kansas appointed as follows: One member shall be a physician appointed by the state board of healing arts; one member shall be the president of the state board of healing arts or a person designated by the president; and three members shall be occupational therapists appointed by the governor. The governor shall, insofar as possible, appoint persons from different geographical areas and persons who represent various types of occupational therapy treatment. If a vacancy occurs on the council, the appointing authority of the position which has become vacant shall appoint a person of like qualifications to fill the vacant position for the unexpired term, if any. The Kansas occupational therapy association shall recommend the names of occupational therapists to the governor in a number equal to at least twice the positions or vacancies to be filled, and the governor may appoint members to fill the positions or vacancies from the submitted list. The terms of the members of the council appointed by the governor prior to the effective date of this act shall expire on July 1, 1988. Members of the council appointed by the governor on and after the effective date of this act shall be appointed for terms of three years and until their successors are appointed and qualified except that of the members first appointed by the governor on or after the effective date of this act one shall be appointed for a term of one year, one shall be appointed for a term of two years and one shall be appointed for a term of three years, as designated by the governor. The member appointed by the state board of healing arts shall serve at the pleasure of the state board of healing arts. A member designated by the president of the state board of healing arts shall serve at the pleasure of the president.

(b) Members of the council attending meetings of the council, or attending a subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by the council, shall be paid amounts provided in subsection (e) of K.S.A. 75-3223 and amendments thereto from the healing arts fee fund.

**History:** L. 1986, ch. 323, § 4; L. 1987, ch. 253, § 1; L. 1988, ch. 251, § 3; July 1.