

PROPOSAL 7

5 AAC 96.060. Uniform rules of operation.

Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates as follows:

5 AAC 96.060(g)(7) is amended to read:

(7) Alternates.

(A) Each advisory committee may appoint two **undesigned** alternates. [HOWEVER, ANY MEMBER OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHO IS THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A COMMUNITY MAY ALSO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE.] **An undesigned alternate may act as a member of the advisory committee in place of any member who is absent from a meeting.** If an advisory committee appoints an undesigned alternate from the remaining nominees from an election, the alternate may [FILL A VACANCY] **serve on the advisory committee throughout the year to fill a vacancy;**

(B) Advisory committees with community-designated seats identified in 5 AAC 96.021(c) may appoint an alternate for each community represented, to be appointed by a majority of the elected members representing that community, the member who is the sole representative of the community, or by the chair when elected members representing the community are unable to appoint an alternate. A community-designated alternate may act as a member of the advisory committee when an elected member representing that community is absent from the meeting. If a community-designated alternate is appointed by a majority of the elected members representing that community or the sole representative of a community, the alternate may serve on that advisory committee throughout the year to fill a vacancy;

(C) All alternates [EACH ALTERNATE] must meet the qualifications under this chapter. **Alternates are not elected under (1)-(6) of this paragraph.** When acting as a member of an advisory committee, an alternate is entitled to the benefits, privileges, and responsibilities of a regular member. **The term for an undesigned or community-designated alternate is not to exceed a 12 month period and the term ends on June 30.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The composition of designated and undesigned seats varies across advisory committees as do the difficulties encountered in ensuring community representation and achieving quorum.

Current regulation allows each AC to appoint two alternates, and a sole representative of a community to appoint an alternate. Also, terms for alternates are not specified. This proposal provides a process for appointing alternates to represent communities having more than one designated seat and establishes one-year terms for alternates, ending on June 30.

Additionally, 5 AAC 96.060(g)(7) currently allows an alternate to fill a vacancy if the alternate was appointed from the remaining nominees following an election. It does not specify whether an alternate selected for a sole community-designated seat may fill a vacancy for the community-designated seat they were appointed to represent. This proposal clarifies that an alternate for a community designated seat can

fill a vacancy for that designated seat, if appointed by the majority of the seated members representing that community of the sole-representative for that community.

This proposal provides options for the Joint Board to consider, to allow the appointment of additional alternates for communities which may assist ACs that have difficulty making quorum due to absences and/or vacancies and to facilitate community representation at AC meetings.

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