

SB 138 Frequently Asked Questions
7.1.15

Question: I have a board member who worked for the extension service for 30 years as a home economist. She is also a children's Sunday school teacher. Would this qualify her to remain on the board?

Answer: The County Commissioners can make the decision as to whether this person meets the criteria.

Question: SB 138 states that no elected official may serve on our County Board. Would County Commissioners, City Mayors, or City Council Members be included in the definition of an elected official?

Answer: Yes, these are all considered elected officials.

Question: I have a member who is also the Mayor. He was part of the Board prior to being a Mayor. Should he be removed at the end of his term? It will not be this year.

Answer: Any board member in the situation defined above is automatically and immediately disqualified for continued membership on the board. The County Director must advise the County Commission and request another appointment to fill the vacancy.

Question: I have a retired school teacher on my current board. Senate bill 138 says "appropriate school personnel." Would this be considered as meeting the current qualifications?

Answer: The County Commissioners can make the decision as to whether this person meets the criteria.

Question: Can the appointed regional Advisory Board members be retired or do they have to be currently employed in the fields listed?

Answer: The law states "Each regional advisory board shall be composed of at least five members and shall include the director and at least one board member of each county department of family and children services within the region as selected by the DFCS regional director." Since they will be appointed from the current board membership, you may have board members that do not meet the criteria set out in SB 138.

Question: Is there a template that County Directors can send to their local County Commissioners to advise them of all the changes reflected in SB 138?

Answer: You are welcome to share with them the power point that was sent to the County Directors.

Question: Who will be responsible for compiling the Annual Report due on December 15?

Answer: The law states this will be completed by the Board Members.

Question: Is there a template for the Annual Report due on December 15?

Answer: There is no template for the Board's Annual Report.

Question: What if the County Commissioner would like to appoint a board member that does not meet one of the new criteria?

Answer: If the County Commissioners have a board member that they would like to appoint, but who does not fit into one of the categories, they may send a letter to Director Cagle explaining why it would be beneficial for that board member to be appointed to the board. He will review these individually.

These can be sent to:

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