

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Qualifications & Terms

Qualifications for membership and appointment to the Colquitt County Hospital Authority are contained in the Hospital Authorities Law and in a joint resolution between the Colquitt County Hospital Authority and the Colquitt County Board of Commissioners adopted June 17, 1971.

The conditions for appointments as outlined in the resolution by the Colquitt County Board of Commissioners and the Hospital Authority include:

- (a) The Hospital Authority shall consist of a Board of not greater than ten Trustees, each Trustee serving for a nine-year term or until his successor is elected and qualified.
- (b) No one shall be qualified to act as a Trustee who is not a bona fide resident of and domiciled within Colquitt County.
- (c) Trustees will be reimbursed as designated by the Hospital Authority Law of Georgia.
- (d) Each Trustee shall be subject to removal for failure to perform the duties of his office or for unbecoming conduct, but only by the Hospital Authority appointing him.
- (e) When a Trustee moves from Colquitt County to another location he may serve only until his successor is duly appointed.
- (f) Each Trustee shall be limited to two full nine-year terms (18 years). Any Trustee serving beyond 18 years as of September 30, 1991, shall complete his current term but shall not be eligible for another term.

Section 2 - Appointment Procedure

Appointments, according to the Law and Resolution, to fill vacancies either for an unexpired or full term on the Colquitt County Hospital Authority shall be made as follows:

- (a) The governing body of the area of operation shall submit a list of three eligible persons to the Hospital Authority.
- (b) The Hospital Authority at its next regular meeting shall either select one of the three persons named in said list or decline to select any of

the persons named on the list. If the Hospital Authority declines to select any of the persons named on the list, it shall so notify the governing body.

- (c) Upon receipt of notification that the Hospital Authority has declined to select any of the persons named on the governing body's list, the governing body shall submit a second list of three eligible persons, none of whom were named on the first list, to the Hospital Authority. The Hospital Authority at its next regular meeting after receipt of the second list shall select one of the three persons named in the second list.

Section 3 - Selection Guides and Continuity of Service

The Colquitt County Hospital Authority in its selection of a person to serve, shall ensure all candidates meet the following criteria:

- (a) No one over age sixty-five will be selected to serve.
- (b) No one holding political (elected) office will be selected.
- (c) A member who is elected to a political office will resign from the Authority when he assumes political office.
- (d) No one who is an employee of the County will be selected.
- (e) A member who becomes an employee of the County will resign from the Authority when he accepts such employment.
- (f) No one who cannot attend regular meetings should be selected.
- (g) All members will be expected to attend 75% of all regular monthly meetings during the hospital's fiscal year, and failure to do so will be considered as a resignation from the Hospital Authority, unless a legitimate excuse is granted by the Chairman of the Hospital Authority.
- (h) One member of the Hospital Authority shall be a member of the Medical Staff.
- (i) No one with a potential conflict of interest will be selected. A potential conflict exists when a person, a member of the person's immediate family, or a person's or family member's employer has any financial interest in any business that is in direct competition with the Authority or health care providers operated by the Authority.