

Citizens Redistricting Commission Conflicts Policy

Section 8252 of the Voters First Act (the “Act”) contains various conflict of interest provisions that were used to preclude applicants from servicing on the Commission. In addition, the Bureau of State Audits (the “Bureau”) developed regulations (the “Regulations”) implementing the Act generally, and specifically with respect to this section 8252 as it relates to Commissioner conflicts. These Regulations set forth detailed criteria not contained in the Act itself, including by way of example, precluding service by candidates who were appointed to an office by the Governor. The Bureau has also documented that the Regulations relating to conflicts are intended to apply to the selection of the Commissioners, as opposed to staff and consultants.

With respect to the hiring of staff and consultants, it is the policy of the Commission to apply the criteria contained in the Regulations to the selection of the Executive Director. It is also the Commission’s policy to require full disclosure of prior employment and consulting work by any applicant for staff or consulting positions as part of the selection process. In order to permit a broad based pool from which highly qualified applicants may be selected, the Act and the Regulations authorize the Commission to apply its conflict provisions with discretion, while also assuring the impartiality of staff and consultants.