

One of the members shall be designated by the governor as chairman of the commission.

Subd. 3. Each appointed member shall be appointed for four years and shall continue to serve during that time as long as he occupies the position which made him eligible for the appointment. Each member shall continue in office until his successor is duly appointed. Members shall be eligible for reappointment, and appointment may be made to fill an unexpired term. The members of the commission shall elect any additional officers necessary for the efficient discharge of their duties.

Subd. 4. Each member of the commission shall be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses actually paid or incurred by him in the performance of his official duties in the same manner as other employees of the state. The public members of the commission shall be compensated at the rate of \$50 for each day or part thereof spent on commission activities.

Subd. 5. The commission shall, on or before January 1, 1980, promulgate sentencing guidelines for the district court. The guidelines shall be based on reasonable offense and offender characteristics. The guidelines promulgated by the commission shall be advisory to the district court and shall establish:

(1) The circumstances under which imprisonment of an offender is proper; and

(2) A presumptive, fixed sentence for offenders for whom imprisonment is proper, based on each appropriate combination of reasonable offense and offender characteristics. The guidelines may provide for an increase or decrease of up to 15 percent in the presumptive, fixed sentence.

The sentencing guidelines promulgated by the commission may also establish appropriate sanctions for offenders for whom imprisonment is not proper. Any guidelines promulgated by the commission establishing sanctions for offenders for whom imprisonment is not proper shall make specific reference to noninstitutional sanctions, including but not limited to the following: payment of fines, day fines, restitution, community work orders, work release programs in local facilities, community based residential and nonresidential programs, incarceration in a local correctional facility, and probation and the conditions thereof.

In establishing the sentencing guidelines, the commission shall take into substantial consideration current sentencing and release practices and correctional resources, including but not limited to the capacities of local and state correctional facilities.

The provisions of sections 15.0411 to 15.052 do not apply to the promulgation of the sentencing guidelines.

Subd. 6. The commission, in addition to establishing sentencing guidelines, shall serve as a clearing house and information center for the collection, preparation, analysis and dissemination of information on state and local sentencing practices, and shall conduct ongoing research regarding sentencing guidelines, use of imprisonment and

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