

# TITLE 13

## Criminals – Correctional Institutions

### CHAPTER 13-8

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#### SECTION 13-8-1

**§ 13-8-1 Parole board – Appointment and terms of members.** – Within the department of corrections there shall be a parole board consisting of seven (7) qualified electors of the state appointed by the governor. In the month of January in each year, the governor shall appoint one or more members of the board to serve in place of members whose terms have expired, for a term of three (3) years, and until his, her, or their successors have been appointed and qualified.

History of Section.

(P.L. 1915, ch. 1186, § 1; G.L. 1923, ch. 414, § 1; P.L. 1926, ch. 868, § 1; P.L. 1932, ch. 1933, § 1; P.L. 1935, ch. 2250, § 17; G.L. 1938, ch. 617, § 1; P.L. 1943, ch. 1304, § 1; P. L. 1946, ch. 1687, § 1; P.L. 1949, ch. 2161, § 1; G.L. 1956, § 13-8-1; P.L. 1969, ch. 28, § 1; Reorg. Plan No. 1, 1970; P.L. 1972, ch. 163, § 9; P.L. 1989, ch. 419, § 1; P.L. 1993, ch. 262, § 1.)

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#### SECTION 13-8-2

**§ 13-8-2 Qualifications of board members.** – The seven (7) electors to be named by the governor shall have the following qualifications:

(1)(i) One of the qualified electors shall be a psychologist or a physician who is professionally qualified in the field of psychiatry or neurology;

(ii) One shall be a member in good standing of the Rhode Island bar;

(iii) One shall be a person who is professionally trained in correctional work or in some closely related general field as a social work; and

(iv) One shall be a law enforcement officer;

(2) All of the qualified electors shall be individuals who shall also have shown an interest in social welfare problems.

History of Section.

(G.L., ch. 617, § 1; P.L. 1949, ch. 2161, § 1; G.L. 1956, § 13-8-2; P.L. 1969, ch. 28, § 2; P.L. 1989, ch. 419, § 1; P.L. 1993, ch. 262, § 2; P.L. 2012, ch. 421, § 1; P.L. 2012, ch. 481, § 1.)

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#### SECTION 13-8-3

**§ 13-8-3 Chairperson of board – Liberty permits.** – (a) The governor shall appoint a qualified elector of this state chairperson of the parole board, who shall serve in the unclassified service as a fulltime employee for a term of two (2) years and until his or her successor has been appointed and qualified.

(b) All remaining members of the board shall also be in the unclassified service.

(c) The chairperson shall be an individual who has experience in the criminal justice system and shall have earned a baccalaureate degree.

(d) The chairperson shall have authority to create subcommittees of at least three (3) members of the parole board who shall serve on a rotating basis. The subcommittee may, in the case of any prisoner who is subject to the control of the parole board, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the subcommittee members, unless the prisoner is sentenced to imprisonment for life and unless the prisoner is confined as a habitual criminal under the provisions of § 12-19-21, issue to the prisoner a permit to be at liberty upon parole as if the permit were issued by the full board pursuant to the provisions of § 13-8-9.

History of Section.

(G.L. 1923, ch. 414, § 1; P.L. 1932, ch. 1933, § 1; G.L. 1938, ch. 617, § 1; P.L. 1943, ch. 1304, § 1; P.L. 1946, ch. 1687, § 1; P.L. 1949, ch. 2161, § 1; G.L. 1956, § 13-8-3; P.L. 1978, ch. 96, § 1; P.L. 1993, ch. 262, § 3.)

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#### **SECTION 13-8-4**

**§ 13-8-4 Facilities and supplies for board.** – The director of corrections shall provide adequate quarters for the board for the purpose of holding meetings and shall provide space and facilities for the keeping of records for the board, together with the necessary equipment and supplies incident to the maintenance of the board.

History of Section.

(G.L. 1938, ch. 617, § 11; P.L. 1949, ch. 2161, § 1; G.L. 1956, § 13-8-4; Reorg. Plan No. 1, 1970; P.L. 1972, ch. 163, § 9.)