

**270.41 BOARD OF ASSESSORS.**

Subdivision 1. **Creation; purpose; powers.** A Board of Assessors is created. The board shall review, supervise, coordinate, and approve courses in assessment practices, and establish criteria for determining assessor's qualifications. The board shall also consider other matters relating to assessment administration brought before it by the commissioner of revenue. The board may grant, renew, suspend, or revoke an assessor's license.

Subd. 1a. **Definition.** For purposes of sections 270.41 to 270.50, "board" means the Board of Assessors.

Subd. 2. **Members.** The board shall consist of nine members, who shall be appointed by the commissioner of revenue, in the manner provided herein. The members shall include:

- (1) two from the Department of Revenue;
- (2) two county assessors;
- (3) two assessors who are not county assessors, one of whom shall be a township assessor;
- (4) one from the private appraisal field holding a professional appraisal designation; and
- (5) two public members as defined by section 214.02.

The appointment provided in clauses (2) and (3) may be made from a list of not less than three names submitted to the commissioner of revenue by the Minnesota Association of Assessing Officers or its successor organization containing recommendations for the appointment of appointees described in clauses (2) and (3). The list must be submitted 30 days before the commencement of the term. In the case of a vacancy, a new list shall be furnished to the commissioner immediately. A member of the board who is no longer engaged in the capacity that was the basis of appointment is disqualified from membership in the board.

The board shall annually elect a chair and a vice-chair of the board.

Subd. 3. **Licenses; refusal or revocation.** The board may refuse to grant or renew, or may suspend or revoke, a license of an applicant or licensee for any of the following causes or acts:

- (1) failure to complete required training;
- (2) inefficiency or neglect of duty;
- (3) failure to comply with the Code of Conduct and Ethics for Licensed Minnesota Assessors adopted by the board pursuant to Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 3, article 1, section 38;
- (4) conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude; or

(5) any other cause or act that in the board's opinion warrants a refusal to issue or suspension or revocation of a license.

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 2008 c 154 art 13 s 50]

Subd. 5. **Prohibited activity.** A licensed assessor or other person employed by an assessment jurisdiction or contracting with an assessment jurisdiction for the purpose of valuing or classifying property for property tax purposes is prohibited from making appraisals or analyses, accepting an appraisal assignment, or preparing an appraisal report as defined in section 82B.02, subdivisions 2 to 5, on any property within the assessment jurisdiction where the individual is employed or performing the duties of the assessor under contract. Violation of this prohibition shall result in immediate revocation of the individual's license to assess property for property tax purposes. This prohibition must not be construed to prohibit an individual from carrying out any duties required for the proper assessment of property for property tax purposes. If a formal resolution has been adopted by the governing body of a governmental unit, which specifies the purposes for which such work will be done, this prohibition does not apply to appraisal activities undertaken on behalf of and at the request of the governmental unit that has employed or contracted with the individual. The resolution may only allow appraisal activities which are related to condemnations, right-of-way acquisitions, or special assessments.

**History:** *Ex1971 c 31 art 25 s 1; 1973 c 582 s 3; 1975 c 136 s 52; 1976 c 222 s 132; 1985 c 285 s 46; 1986 c 444; 1988 c 719 art 7 s 2; 1993 c 375 art 3 s 4; 1994 c 510 art 1 s 4; 2008 c 154 art 13 s 9-13*