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§ 3-701. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

It is the purpose of this chapter to support programs directed toward evaluating and improving the status of women in the District of Columbia by establishing the Commission for Women.

(Sept. 22, 1978, D.C. Law 2-109, § 2, 25 DCR 1456.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 2-801.

1973 Ed., § 2-2601.

Legislative History of Laws

Law 2-109, the "District of Columbia Commission for Women Act of 1978," was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 2-236, which was referred to the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on May 30, 1978, and June 13, 1978, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on July 13, 1978, it was assigned Act No. 2-230 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review.

Miscellaneous Notes

Establishment and Appointments--Mayor's Commission on Violence Against Women, see Mayor's Order 2001-179, December 7, 2001 (48 DCR 11597).

§ 3-702. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION.

(a) There is hereby established in the District of Columbia a Commission for Women (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"). The Commission shall be composed of 21 members appointed by the Mayor, from among the residents of the District of Columbia with experience in the areas of public affairs and issues of particular interest and concern to women, representative by geographic area and reflective by race and age of the population of the District of Columbia. The Commission shall be the successor to the Commission on the Status of Women established by Organization Order No. 38, Commissioner's Order No. 73-94a, effective April 24, 1973 (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission on the Status of Women").

(b) Members of the Commission shall be appointed to serve terms of 3 years and shall serve until their successors are appointed. The present members of the Commission on the Status of Women shall be members of the Commission established by this chapter for the remainder of their current terms. A member of the Commission may be reappointed but may serve no more than 2 consecutive full terms. Tenure on the Commission on the Status of Women shall count toward the consecutive 2 full term limit on the Commission.

(c) Whenever a vacancy occurs on the Commission, the Mayor shall, within 90 working days of such vacancy, appoint a successor to fill the unexpired portion of the term.

(d) The Mayor shall designate, from among the members appointed to the Commission, the Chairperson, who shall serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the Mayor.

(e) All members of the Commission shall serve without compensation; except, that expenses incurred by the Commission as a whole or by its individual members, when duly authorized, shall become an obligation against appropriated District of Columbia funds designated for that purpose.

(f) The Mayor may remove, after notice and hearing, any member of the Commission for neglect of duty, incompetence, misconduct or malfeasance in office.

(Sept. 22, 1978, D.C. Law 2-109, § 3, 25 DCR 1456; June 12, 1999, D.C. Law 12-285, § 4(k), 46 DCR 1355; Mar. 25, 2009, D.C. Law 17-353, § 313, 56 DCR 1117; Sept. 26, 2012, D.C. Law 19-171, § 29, 59 DCR 6190.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 2-802.

1973 Ed., § 2-2602.

Effect of Amendments

D.C. Law 17-353, in subsec. (c), deleted ", with the advice and consent of the Council," following "the Mayor".

D.C. Law 19-171 validated a previously made technical correction in the punctuation in subsec. (c).

Emergency Act Amendments

For temporary amendment of section, see § 4(k) of the Confirmation Emergency Amendment Act of 1999 (D.C. Act 13-25, March 15, 1999, 46 DCR 2971).

For temporary amendment of section, see § 4(k) of the Confirmation Act Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 1999 (D.C. Act 13-92, June 4, 1999, 46 DCR 5330).

For temporary (90-day) amendment of section, see § 4(k) of the Confirmation Act Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 1999 (D.C. Act 13-92, June 4, 1999, 46 DCR 5330).

Legislative History of Laws

For legislative history of D.C. Law 2-109, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-701.

Law 12-285, the "Confirmation Amendment Act of 1998," was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 12-261. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on November 10, 1998, and December 1, 1998, respectively. Vetoed by the Mayor on December 29, 1998, Council overrode the veto on January 5, 1999, and the Bill was assigned Act No. 12-622 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review. D.C. Law 12-285 became effective on June 12, 1999.

For Law 17-353, see notes following § 3-308.

For history of Law 19-171, see notes under § 3-405.

§ 3-703. POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.

(a) The Commission shall conduct studies, review progress, develop, recommend and undertake action and initiate and conduct programs in areas including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) Elimination of discrimination based on sex and elimination of sex role stereotyping and bias;
- (2) Public and private employment practices, including matters pertaining to hours, wages and working conditions;
- (3) Education;
- (4) Equality of rights and responsibilities of men and women under the law; and
- (5) New and expanded services for women to facilitate their optimal functioning as homemakers, wage earners, and citizens, including mental and physical health care, and the improvement of facilities for child care and youth development.

(b) The Commission is authorized to apply for and receive grants to fund its program activities in accordance with procedures relating to grants management.

(c) The Commission may accept private gifts and donations to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(d) The Commission shall stimulate and encourage study and review of the status of women and may act as a clearinghouse for activities in the District of Columbia.

(Sept. 22, 1978, D.C. Law 2-109, § 4, 25 DCR 1456.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 2-803.

1973 Ed., § 2-2603.

Legislative History of Laws

For legislative history of D.C. Law 2-109, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-701.

§ 3-704. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) The Commission shall appoint an Executive Director who shall be the chief administrative officer of the Commission. The Executive Director shall report regularly to the Commission on staff activities. The Executive Director shall receive annual rate of compensation fixed in accordance with Chapter 51 of Title 5 of the United States Code.

(b) Additional staff service for the Commission shall be supplied in accordance with positions and funding approved in the District of Columbia budget.

(c) The Commission is authorized to establish rules and procedures for the conduct of its business, including the election of officers other than the Chairperson, as it deems necessary.

(d) The Commission shall submit to the Mayor annual reports of its activities and the work carried on under its direction.

(Sept. 22, 1978, D.C. Law 2-109, § 5, 25 DCR 1456.)

HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES

Prior Codifications

1981 Ed., § 2-804.

1973 Ed., § 2-2604.

Legislative History of Laws

For legislative history of D.C. Law 2-109, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-701.