

## **LEGISLATION CREATING THE AREA COMMISSION**

The College is governed by an Area Commission as specified in Sections 59-53-910, 59-53-920, 59-53-903 and 59-53-940 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina.

Copies of these sections are reprinted on the following pages as they appear in the State Board Policy Manual.

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#### TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY AREA COMMISSION

**SECTION 59-53-910.** Creation of commission; appointment and terms of members; election of officers.

There is created the Technical College of the Lowcountry Area Commission which shall serve as the governing body of the Technical College of the Lowcountry. The commission is a body politic and corporate consisting of seven members who must be appointed in the manner provided in this section. Four members must be residents of Beaufort County, one member must be a resident of Colleton County, one member must be a resident of Hampton County, and one member must be a resident of Jasper County, all of whom must be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of a majority of the members of the General Assembly representing that county. The members of the commission must be appointed for terms of four years each and until their successors are appointed and qualify.

A vacancy must be filled in the manner of the original appointment for the unexpired portion of the term only. The commission shall organize by electing one of its members as chairman, one as vice-chairman, and one as secretary. The terms of appointees expire on the first of July of the appropriate year.

**SECTION 59-53-920.** Selection of members on basis of merit; membership to be broadly representative of citizenry.

Members of the commission must be selected based on merit regardless of race, color, creed, or gender and the appointing authority shall strive to assure that the membership is broadly representative of all the citizens of the counties involved.

**SECTION 59-53-930.** Powers of commission; preparation of annual budget; funding.

The commission has the same powers as provided by Article 1, Chapter 53, Title 59 of the 1976 Code, and in addition must prepare and submit its annual budget for approval to the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education. Beaufort Technical College must be funded in accordance with the provisions of Sections 59-53-51, 59-53-52, and 59-53-57.

**SECTION 59-53-940.** Accounting requirements; annual audit.

The commission shall at all times keep full and accurate account of its acts and of its receipts and expenditures. A complete audit of its affairs must be made by a qualified public accountant at least once within four months following the close of its fiscal year. Copies of the audit must be filed with the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education.