

**65-213. Mental health clinic in certain counties; board of trustees, appointment, qualifications, terms.** (a) In all counties having a population of more than 20,000 and less than 22,000, and having an assessed tangible valuation of more than \$40,000,000, wherein there has been established a county hospital, the board of county commissioners of such county may, by resolution, provide for the establishment of a mental health clinic for the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness, which mental health clinic, when so established, shall be operated by and subject to the jurisdiction of a board of trustees.

(b) The board of trustees shall consist of five citizens who shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners with reference to their fitness for such office, all residents of the county, not more than three members shall be residents of the city in which the hospital is located. In addition, the board of trustees shall include consumers of mental health services or representatives of mental health consumer groups and shall include family members of mentally ill persons.

(c) The members shall be appointed initially to hold their office as follows, three for four years and two for two years, and, thereafter, each subsequent two years, the board of county commissioners shall appoint, for four-year terms, successors to such members whose terms have expired.

**History:** L. 1957, ch. 345, § 1; L. 1990, ch. 92, § 32; Jan. 1, 1991.