

How to Become a Commissioner

Application process:

The Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC) serves as a voice and monitors issues involving the deaf and hard of hearing community throughout the State of Illinois. IDHHC has quarterly meetings which are broadcast live via the internet and are open to the public.

IDHHC is composed of eleven (11) Commissioners appointed by the Governor of Illinois. A minimum of six (6) Commissioners shall be deaf or hard of hearing. The Governor shall consider recommendations by deaf and hard of hearing advocacy groups. Applicants must be residents of the State whose position, knowledge, or experience enables them to reasonably represent the concerns, needs, and recommendations of deaf and hard of hearing persons.

Commissioners are appointed for three (3) year terms or until a successor is appointed. Each Commissioner shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms. Commissioners are reimbursed for travel expenses and up to \$50 per day in lost wages incurred in the performance of their duties as a Commissioner.

To apply, go to www.appointments.illinois.gov and select "Nominate Yourself."