

**TITLE 2: NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION 4: LAND RESOURCES**

**§ 4224. Senior Land Commissioner: Appointment of Land Registration Teams; Conflicts of Interest.**

(a) The Senior Land Commissioner may appoint land registration teams as necessary and designate the area or areas for which each team shall be responsible. Members of these teams shall be hired by the Senior Land Commissioner on an as needed basis and not as classified civil service employees, unless the members were civil service employees prior to October 1, 1983. Such employees shall remain within the civil service system until they retire or voluntarily choose exempt status. The Senior Land Commissioner may appoint any number of members for each team up to a maximum of four members, but the presence of three members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

(b) After a claim as been recorded by a team as provided in 2 CMC § 4241, no member who has any interest in the land claim or who is an immediate family member of anyone having such an interest shall take any part in hearing or considering that claim. If there is doubt as to whether a member is disqualified from taking part as to the claim, the Senior Land Commissioner shall have final authority to decide whether the member may participate.

**Source:** PL 3-79, § 6.

**Commission Comment:** With respect to the references to the “Senior Land Commissioner,” see Executive Order 94-3 (effective August 23, 1994), reorganizing the executive branch, changing agency names and official titles, and effecting other changes, set forth in the Commission comment to 1 CMC § 2001; see also the comment to 2 CMC § 4212.