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[From New Latin *Chironomidae*, family name, from *Chironomus*, type genus, from Latin *chironomos*, moving the hands according to the rules of art, pantomimic (the genus being so called because the adults hold their front pair of legs in the air when at rest), from Greek *kheironomos* : *kheir*, hand; see **ghes-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *nomos*, custom, law; see [NEM-](#).]

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