The Education Coordinating Committee was formed in 1976 (Chapter 538, Acts of 1976). The Committee coordinates the policies and activities of the State Board of Education, the State Superintendent of Schools, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, and the Secretary of Higher Education. The Committee studies and makes recommendations on policies concerning elementary, secondary or higher education.

The Committee is comprised of eight members. Three are selected by the president of the State Board of Education; and three by the chair of the Maryland Higher Education Commission. Two serve ex officio (Code Education Article, secs. 24-101 through 24-107).

## TASK FORCE ON **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS** & PARAPROFESSIONALS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF MARYLAND

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Report to Governor & General Assembly due Dec. 15,

The Task Force on Educational Assistants and Paraprofessionals in the Public Schools of Maryland was created in 1996 (Chapter 332, Acts of 1996).

# COMMISSION TO REVISE THE **ELECTION CODE**

Appointed by Governor: not yet appointed

Appointed by Senate President: not yet appointed

Appointed by Senate Minority Leader: not yet appointed

Appointed by House Speaker: not yet appointed

Appointed by House Minority Leader: not yet appointed

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Final Report to Governor due Dec. 31, 1997.

The Commission to Revise the Election Code began in 1996 (Chapter 431, Acts of 1996). The Commission is to review the Annotated Code of

Maryland in terms of the elections process (Article 33), the conduct of elections, and the integration of computer technology into the administration of elections. In addition, the Commission will review the selection, operation, and organization of the State Administrative Board of Election Laws and the local boards of supervisors of elections (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 18-309).

# STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS

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#### BUDGET (CODE DI01, formerly 23.09.01)

	FY1994	FY1995	FY1996
Funds	(actual)	(actual)	(approp.)
General	. \$984,613	. \$1,264,141	. \$1,348,619
Special			. \$ 1,020
Total Funds	. \$984,613	. \$1,264,141	. \$1,349,639
Staff			
Authorized	17.4	22	22
Contractual (FT	E)0	4	4
Total Staff	17.4	26	26

#### MANDATED REPORTS

Annual Report to General Assembly recommending changes in Election Code to assure its uniform administration & improve procedures.

### ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

# STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS

Helen L. Koss, Chair, 1999

Appointed by Governor with Senate advice & consent: Toni E. Clarke, Esq.; Michele H. Dyson; Linda Bowler Pierson; David K. Poole, Jr. Terms expire 1999.

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Created in 1969, the State Administrative Board of Election Laws supervises the conduct of voter registration and elections in Maryland (Chapter 555, Acts of 1969). The Board adopts rules and regulations to help the boards of supervisors of elections in each county and Baltimore City with elections, voting, and voter registration. The Board reviews, approves, certifies, and decertifies voting