

(House Bill 455)

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax Assessment Appeals Boards - Appointment  
of Administrator

FOR the purpose of providing for an Administrator of the Maryland Property Tax Assessment Appeals Boards [[to assure uniform rules and regulations]]; describing the duties of the Administrator; and relating generally to the Maryland Property Tax Assessment Boards and their rules and regulations.

BY adding to

Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes  
Section 224A  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 224A be and it is hereby added to Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes

224A.

(A) THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND SHALL APPOINT, FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS, AN ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARDS. [[SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MARYLAND TAX COURT, ]] THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL PROMULGATE AND AMEND OR REPEAL UNIFORM RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARDS OF THE COUNTIES AND BALTIMORE CITY. THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSISTENT APPLICATION OF THOSE RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(B) PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION, AMENDMENT OR REPEAL [[OR]] OF RULES AND REGULATIONS, THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL PUBLISH OR OTHERWISE CIRCULATE NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION AND AFFORD INTERESTED PERSONS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS ORALLY OR IN WRITING. COPIES OF ALL PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CHANGES TO THEM SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN THE MARYLAND REGISTER. AFTER ADOPTION, THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL BE FILED WITH THE MARYLAND TAX COURT AND WITH THE COURT OF APPEALS.

(C) THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL RECEIVE A SALARY AND NECESSARY ASSISTANCE AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.