

minimum number of names may result in situations which indirectly limit rather than aid the Governor in exercising the Constitutional duty reposed in him to appoint duly qualified persons to the courts of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Although the system created by this Executive Order has worked well and has materially assisted in assuring the appointment of qualified persons in the Judiciary of Maryland, I believe that certain refinements to the Order will improve further the reforms established by the previous Executive Orders, and, therefore, better assist in achieving the goals stated in the Executive Orders of July 6 and July 17, 1970;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BLAIR LEE III, ACTING GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 6(B) AND 24, AND ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 5, 5A, AND 41D OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND, AND BY ARTICLE 41, SECTIONS 15C AND 15CA OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROMULGATE THE FOLLOWING ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.1974.23:

1. Extension of Terms of Present Commissioners

The terms of the members of the Commission on Appellate Judicial Selection and the eight Commissions on Trial Court Judicial Selection are extended until their successors are duly chosen.

2. Rescission on Previous Executive Order

The Executive Orders issued by me dated July 6, 1970, July 17, 1970, and April 21, 1971, relating to the Commission on Appellate Judicial Selection and the Commissions on Trial Court Judicial Selection are rescinded.

3. Appellate Judicial Nominating Commission

(a) Creation and Composition

The Appellate Judicial Nominating Commission is created as part of the Executive Department. It consists of 13 persons and a non-voting Secretary, chosen as follows:

(1) One person, who shall be the Chairman, shall be appointed by the Governor. The Chairman may but need not be a lawyer, and shall be selected from the State at large. He may not be an elected State official or a full-time employee of the State.