

(a) Creation and Composition

A Trial Court Judicial Nominating Commission is created as part of the Executive Department for each of the eight judicial circuits of the State. They each consist 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, but shall be a resident and registered voter of the Judicial Circuit.

(2) Six persons shall be appointed by the Governor from among the residents and registered voters of the Judicial Circuit. These persons may not be lawyers, elected State officials, or full-time employees of the State. If the Judicial Circuit contains more than one county, at least one person shall be appointed from each county in the Circuit, and shall be a resident and registered voter of such county.

(3) Six persons shall be members of the Maryland Bar who reside and are registered voters in the Circuit. They shall be elected by the members of the Maryland Bar who reside and are registered voters in the Circuit. The election shall be conducted by the State Court Administrator pursuant to rules promulgated by the Court of Appeals.

(4) The State Court Administrator is, ex officio, the non-voting Secretary of each Commission.

(b) Terms

The terms of the members of the Commissions are coextensive with the term of the Governor and until their successors are duly chosen.

(c) Vacancies

If a vacancy occurs on a Commission by reason of the death, resignation, or disqualification of a member appointed by the Governor, his successor shall be appointed by the Governor in accordance with Paragraph 4(a). If the vacancy occurs by reason of the death, resignation or disqualification of a member