

Acts of 1967. The Act of 1965 was ratified on November 8, 1966, as an amendment to the Constitution (Const. 1867, Art. IV, secs. 4A and 4B).

The Commission consists of five members appointed by the Governor for four-year terms. Members of the Commission must be citizens and residents of the State of Maryland. Three of the members must be Judges of the Court of Appeals, or Judges of the Circuit Courts for the Counties and of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. One member must be a lawyer with a minimum of fifteen years of law practice, and one member must represent the public.

The Commission is to meet for the purpose of investigation or proceedings under Section IV of the Constitution. It will hold a hearing, if charges have been presented, and if after good cause finds it necessary, it will recommend to the General Assembly that a Judge be either removed or retired. All Judges including Judges of the Court of Appeals, the Court of Special Appeals, the Circuit Courts, the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, and the Orphans' Court, and any others who may be elected or subject to election and those appointed for a full term if it is not less than four years are subject to the provisions of the Act. Powers of the Commission and the General Assembly in administering oaths and issuing and enforcing process are provided for in the implementing legislation (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., 1967 Supp., Art. 40, sec. 45). The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts serves as Secretary to the Commission.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

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The Administrative Office of the Courts was established by Chapter 343, Acts of 1955. Its director is appointed by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland and serves at his pleasure.

This office examines the dockets of the courts of the State to determine the need for additional assistance and to make recommendations to the Chief Judge as to the assignment of judges; compiles and collects statistics regarding the business of the courts; formulates and recommends policies for the improvement of the judicial system; and provides a central office for the fiscal and other administrative functions of the judiciary (Code 1957, 1966 Repl. Vol., Art. 26, secs. 6-10).

Judiciary Budget

Appropriations	1969	1970
General Funds	\$2,846,543	\$3,961,500
Staff: 141.		