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By Executive Orders of July 6, 1970 and July 17, 1970 respectively, the Governor of Maryland created the Governor's Commission on Appellate Judicial Selection and the Governor's Commissions on Trial Court Judicial Selection.

On December 18, 1974, the Governor issued an Executive Order restructuring the eight Trial Court Judicial Nominating Commissions and the Appellate Court Judicial

Nominating Commission. Most of the changes included in the 1974 Order were based on recommendations made by the Maryland State Bar Association, Inc.

An additional change directly affecting the Administrative Office of the Courts was the designation of the State Court Administrator as ex officio secretary of all nine nominating commissions, with authority to activate any commission in the event of an existing or foreseeable judicial vacancy. This change was intended both to expedite the filling of judicial vacancies and to provide staff support for the nominating commissions.

The Executive Orders directed that certain members of each Judicial Nominating Committee should be lawyers elected by fellow lawyers of the State in an election conducted by the Administrative Office of the Courts pursuant to rules governing such elections promulgated by the Court of Appeals. The other members of each Judicial Nominating Committee are laymen appointed by the Governor from the general public with a chairman for each selection committee also appointed by the Governor who may be either a lawyer or a layman.

The Appellate Judicial Nominating Commission is composed of thirteen members, six of whom are lawyers, and six are laymen with one member, elected and appointed from each of the six Appellate Judicial Circuits. The chairman is appointed from the State at large.

There are eight Trial Court Judicial Nominating Commissions, one for each of the eight Judicial Circuits in the State. Each of the Trial Court Commissions is composed of thirteen members, six of whom are lawyers, and six are laymen. The six lawyer members are elected from the particular Judicial Circuit in which they maintain a principal office pursuant to rules governing the elections promulgated by the Court of Appeals of Maryland. The six appointed lay members from each Judicial Circuit must be residents and registered voters of that circuit and there must be at least one representative from each county where the Judicial Circuit is composed of more than one county. The chairman of each commission is appointed from the Judicial Circuit in which he resides