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The terms of all members of the District Advisory Boards for the Public Defender System expire on January 1, 1981.

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The Public Defender System was created by Chapter 209, Acts of 1971, to provide for the realization of the constitutional guarantees of counsel in the representation of indigents, including related necessary services and facilities, in criminal and juvenile proceedings within the State, and to assure effective assistance and continuity of counsel to indigent accused taken into custody and indigent defendants in criminal and juvenile proceedings before the Courts of the State of Maryland, and to authorize the Office of the Public Defender to administer and assure enforcement of these provisions.

The Board of Trustees of the Public Defender System consists of three members appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. Two of the members must be active attorneys-at-law. The Board elects its own Chairperson.

The Public Defender is appointed by the Board of Trustees and serves at the Board's pleasure. He must be an attorney-at-law, admitted to practice law in Maryland by the Court of Appeals, and must have engaged in the practice of law for a period of five years prior to his appointment. The Public Defender, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, appoints the Deputy Public Defender and one District Public Defender for each District of the District Court who must possess the same qualifications as the Public Defender. Assistant Public Defenders may also be appointed by the Public Defender with the advice of the District Public Defenders.

Each District has a District Advisory Board composed of five members. One member is the judge of the Circuit Court or the District Court in the district. The other four must be active attorneys-at-law and are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. The Governor annually designates the chairperson of each board.

The Public Defender provides legal representation for indigent defendants in criminal or juvenile proceedings requiring the presence of counsel before a commissioner or judge, post-conviction

proceedings, and any other proceeding where incarceration pursuant to a judicial commitment of individuals in institutions of a public or private nature may result.

In 1975 the Public Defender installed three Divisions in the headquarters office, i.e., Mental Health, Appellate, and Inmate Services. Each Division provides services as indicated by furnishing representation to all persons involuntarily committed to facilities under the jurisdiction of or licensed by the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the processing of all appeals to the Appellate Courts, and legal assistance to all indigent inmates who have legal problems concerning their incarceration. The law applies only to representation in or respect to the courts of Maryland. The Public Defender must submit a report annually to the Board of Trustees, the Governor, and General Assembly. The Public Defender system commenced operation on January 1, 1972 (Code 1957, Art. 27A).

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