

STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS

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The State Administrative Board of Election Laws, created in 1969, exercises supervision over the conduct of voter registration and elections in the State (Chapter 555, Acts of 1969). It adopts rules and regulations to assist local boards of supervisors of elections with respect to elections, voting, and voter registration. The Board has authority to review, approve, certify, and decertify voting systems and to adopt regulations relating thereto. In addition, the Board serves as a depository for election records and other relevant election information. It reports annually to the General Assembly on the activities of the Board and administrative office and includes recommendations for changes in Article 33 to assure its uniform administration and improvement in the procedure for the conduct of registration, voting, and elections.

The law mandates additional responsibilities for the Board. In odd-numbered years, the Board convenes a meeting with all members of boards of supervisors of elections in the counties and Baltimore City to instruct them, their designated employees, and counsels as to their duties in the conduct of elections. The Board also administers the voter registration by mail program.

Not prescribed by law but deemed necessary to the effectiveness of the overall program are such projects assumed by the Board as the review and monitoring of all election bills, constitutional amendments, and referenda matters thus related. Staff assistance is available to members of the General Assembly for consultation on election related legislation. Local boards are advised of hearing schedules and the status of pertinent bills. Close liaison between the State Board and all local boards is a most important function of the Office.

The State Board consists of five members appointed by the Governor with the advice and

consent of the Senate for four-year terms. Three members must be of the same political party as the Governor, while two members represent the party that received the second greatest number of votes in the most recent gubernatorial election. The Board selects its own officers.

The Governor appoints the State Administrator of Election Laws for a six-year term. The Administrator performs all duties assigned to her by law and/or by SABEL. In addition, she receives and audits financial reports of candidates required under the provisions of Article 33, Section 1A-1. She serves as Secretary to the Board of State Canvassers (Code 1957, Art. 33, Secs. 1A-1, 3-1(c), 16B-2, 18-1).

The State Administrative Board of Election Laws publishes *Registration and Election Laws of Maryland 1982* and *A Review of the Meetings of Presidential Electors in Maryland*. These publications are for sale to the public. The State Board also has available Primary and General Election Returns beginning with 1948. More recent returns are published in booklet form. Prices quoted upon request.

EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT REVIEW BOARD

Chairperson: Rosalie S. Abrams, *Director on Aging*

Edward H. Asher, 1987; Stanley J. Frank, 1987;
Howard E. Marshall, 1987.

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The Employees Retirement Review Board was created by Chapter 720, Acts of 1974, to hear appeals by individual State employees, including members of the Teachers Retirement System, who desire to continue their employment after the mandatory retirement age of seventy has been reached and their application for continuation has been denied by their agency.

The Board consists of seven members: the Secretary of Personnel or his designee, the State Director on Aging, a physician designated by the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Teachers Retirement System, and three members appointed by the Governor for four-year terms (Code 1957, Art. 73B, secs. 11, 86, 110, 117).