

the Corporation develops vacant or unused industrial sites and facilities, and other economic resources in which the private sector has shown no significant interest or development capability.

The Corporation operates in economically distressed areas of the State. It assists State and local economic development agencies in their efforts to expand, modernize, and retain businesses, as well as to attract new ones.

The Board of Directors is appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. It consists of twelve members, including two ex officio, voting members. Members serve four-year terms (Code 1957, Art. 41A, secs. 5-101 through 5-116).

EDUCATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Anne O. Emery

Representing State Board for Higher Education: Lucy Kecker; Richard R. Kline.

Representing State Board of Education: Herbert L. Fishpaw; Priscilla Hilliard; Lawrence A. Shulman.

Ex officio: David W. Hornbeck, *State Superintendent of Schools*; Sheldon H. Knorr, *Commissioner for Higher Education*.

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The Education Coordinating Committee was created in 1976 to coordinate the policies and activities of the State Board of Education, the State Superintendent of Schools, the State Board for Higher Education, and the Commissioner for Higher Education (Chapter 538, Acts of 1976). The Committee studies and makes recommendations regarding educational policies that concern or affect elementary, secondary or higher education.

The Committee consists of eight members: three members of the State Board of Education selected by its president; three members of the State Board for Higher Education selected by that Board's

chairperson; the State Superintendent of Schools; and the Commissioner of Higher Education (Code Education Article, secs. 24-101 through 24-105).

STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS

Chairperson: James W. Johnson, Jr.

Reginald A. Asplen, Jr.; Theodore N. Clark; Barbara G. Fetterhoff; Peggy Rae Pavlat. *Terms expire 1987.*

Gene M. Raynor, *State Administrator of Election Laws*, 1993

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Created in 1969, the State Administrative Board of Election Laws exercises supervision over the conduct of voter registration and elections in the State (Chapter 555, Acts of 1969). The Board 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. The Board administers the Fair Election Practices Act, which regulates the financing of campaigns for State and county offices. In addition, the Board serves as a depository for election records and other relevant election information. Annually, the Board reports to the General Assembly and includes recommendations for changes in the Election Code to assure its uniform administration and improve procedures.

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 of the counties and Baltimore City to instruct them, their designated employees, and counsel on their duties in the conduct of elections. The Board also administers the voter registration-by-mail program.

Not prescribed by law but necessary to the effectiveness of the overall program are the review and monitoring of all election bills, constitutional amendments, and related referenda matters. Staff assistance is available to members of the General Assembly for consultation on election-related legislation. Local boards are advised of legislative hearing schedules and the status of pertinent bills.