

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 Board's work are the review and monitoring of all election bills, constitutional amendments, and related referenda. 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.

The State Board publishes *Registration and Election Laws of Maryland 1990*, which is for sale to the public. The Board also has available primary and general election returns beginning with 1948. More recent returns are published in booklet form.

The State Board consists of five members appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. 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 Governor appoints the State Administrator of Election Laws for a six-year term. The State Administrator receives and audits financial reports of candidates required under the Election Code. The State Administrator also serves as Secretary to the Board of State Canvassers (Code 1957, Art. 33, secs. 1A-1, 3-1(c), 16B-2, 18-1).

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### MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION

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Origins of the Maryland Energy Administration trace to 1973 when the Governor by Executive Order formed the Office of Energy Policy. Two years later, the Energy and Coastal Zone Administration was established within the Department of Natural Resources, first by the Secretary of Natural Resources in 1975 and then by statute in 1976 (Chapter 320, Acts of 1976). The Secretary of Natural Resources reorganized the Administration in 1979 and renamed it the Energy Administration. In 1982, the Administration was reformed as the Energy Office. The Office became part of the Department of Housing and Community Development in 1987 (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987). The Office was abolished in 1991 and its functions were transferred to the newly created Maryland Energy Administration (House Bill 217, Acts of 1991).

The Maryland Energy Administration implements the State Energy Conservation Plan, funded under the National Energy Policy and Conservation Act. The Administration also sponsors educational programs for users of energy in homes, commerce, industry, transportation, and government. It implements the federal Institutional Conservation Program, the federal Energy Extension Service, and certain oil overcharge projects.

The Administration is responsible for fuel allocations and contingency planning for energy supply emergencies. It also advises State agencies on matters of fuel oil shortage (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 4-701 through 4-704).

### GOVERNOR'S SUBCABINET FOR ENERGY MANAGEMENT

*Chairperson:* Gerald L. Thorpe, Governor's  
Coordinator of State Energy & Recycling  
Programs

*Ex officio:* Charles L. Benton, Jr., Secretary of Budget & Fiscal Planning; Robert Perciasepe, Secretary of the Environment; Martin W. Walsh, Jr., Secretary of General Services; Torrey C. Brown, Secretary of Natural Resources; O. James Lighthizer, Secretary of Transportation; Frank O. Heintz, Chairperson, Public Service Commission; George G. Perdikakis, Director, Maryland Environmental Service.

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The Governor's Subcabinet for Energy Management was formed in January 1991 (Executive Order 01.01.1991.04). The Subcabinet is to develop a comprehensive and sound State energy policy that will make Maryland a national model for energy management.

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### STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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William J. Evans, *Chairperson*, 1993

*Appointed by Governor (three with Senate advice & consent, one nominated by Senate President, one nominated by House Speaker):* Robert C. Rice, Ph.D., 1991; Mark C. Medairy, Jr., 1994; Mary M. Thompson, 1995; one vacancy.

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