

same extent and effect as if the said Director of Parole and Probation had been named in said existing laws as the official upon whom the said rights, powers, duties, obligations, and functions were conferred.

All the records of the Parole Commissioner, together with all automobiles and other equipment to which the Parole Commissioner shall hold title, shall be, and hereby are transferred to the Division of Parole and Probation; and title to and possession of such records and equipment is hereby vested in the Board of Parole and Probation.

48. The Governor, by and with the consent of the Senate, shall appoint, without regard to political affiliation, a person of high standing who has understanding of and familiarity with modern parole and probation methods; and this person together with the Attorney-General of Maryland, the State Superintendent of Prisons and the Chief Probation Officer of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, the last three members serving ex-officio, and without pay therefor, shall constitute a Board of Parole and Probation. The person so appointed by the Governor shall be Chairman of the Board of Parole and Probation and such Chairman shall be the Director of Parole and Probation.

The appointed member of the Board of Parole and Probation shall hold office for two years and until his successor shall qualify, the term of such member commencing on the first Monday in May next ensuing his appointment. Any vacancy in said office shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term with the consent and advice of the Senate.

None of the members of the said Board shall, at the time of his appointment nor during his incumbency in office, serve as the representative of any political party on an executive committee or other governing body thereof, nor as an executive officer or employee of any political committee, organization, or association.

Before entering upon his duties of office, each of the members of the Board of Parole and Probation shall take an oath that he will well and faithfully execute and perform the duties appertaining to his office according to the Laws of the State and rules and regulations adopted in accordance therewith.

During the absence or disability of the duly appointed Chairman, the Governor shall designate a member of the Board to act as Chairman.

The Board of Parole and Probation shall hold formal meetings in the Central Office of the Division of Parole and