

Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Department of Correction", to repeal Sections 762 and 766 of said Article and sub-title, to add a new section to be known as Section 756A and to follow immediately after Section 756 thereof, relating generally to the correctional administration and procedure of this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 754, 755, 763, 794, 795 and 797 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Department of Correction", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that a new Section 756A be and it is hereby added to said Article and sub-title, to follow immediately after Section 756 thereof, and all to read as follows:

754. The Department of Correction is hereby established. The head of this Department shall be the Board of Correction, consisting of the [Director of the Department, who shall serve as the] Chairman of the Board, *the Director of Parole and Probation, ex officio*, and six associate members, who shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation, who shall each be not less than thirty years of age, interested and preferably experienced in social welfare, and at least one of whom shall be a woman. The [Director and] Chairman of the Board, and the associate members thereof, shall all be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. [, except that the appointments first made hereunder shall be made by the Governor alone on April 9, 1924, and these terms of office shall begin then. The Director first appointed shall hold office until the first Monday of May, 1924, and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualify, and thereafter the term of the Director shall be four years. The associate members first appointed shall be so classed by the Governor that the terms of office of two shall expire on the first Monday of May, 1924, the terms of office of two on the first Monday of May, 1926, and the terms of office of two on the first Monday of May, 1928, and thereafter in each case the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint two associate members in the place of the two whose terms shall so expire, and thereafter the terms of the associate members shall be six years, respectively.] *The Chairman and Associate members of the Board shall serve for staggered terms of four years; provided, however, the Chairman and members of the Board holding office at the time of the passage*