

order shall be sustained, rejected or modified, and the Board shall pass a final order in the matter and shall mail a copy thereof by registered mail as hereinbefore provided for the mailing of orders.

(d) *Appeal from order of the Board.* The association affected or the holders of at least ten per cent (10%) of the par value of the free shares of said association shall have the right within thirty (30) days of the date of mailing of any final order of the Board to appeal from such order by filing a petition in the Circuit Court of Baltimore City or in the circuit court for the county in which the principal Maryland office of the association is located. Such petition for appeal shall set forth the action appealed from and the basis for the appeal; copies of the petition shall be served upon the Director and all other parties of record.

(e) *Judicial review.* The court to which the appeal is taken shall hear the matter *de novo*, without a jury, and the parties may call such witnesses and introduce such evidence as may be proper in the premises. The court may affirm, reverse, or modify the order appealed from, or remand the case to the Board for further proceedings as may be required. An appeal may be taken from the decision of the court hearing said appeal to the Court of Appeals of Maryland by any party to the proceedings in the same manner as other appeals are taken from decrees or orders of courts.

(f) *Stay.* No appeal shall stay the operation of any final order of the Board unless ordered by the court in which the appeal is pending and upon such terms and conditions as the court may prescribe.

161-I. DEPUTY DIRECTOR, EMPLOYEES AND EXAMINERS.

(a) *Appointment.* The Director, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint a Deputy Director, examiners and such number of additional employees of the Department of Building, Savings and Loan Associations as may be provided for in the budget. The appointment of all examiners and employees, other than the Deputy Director, shall be from the classified service of the State of Maryland, and in accordance with the rules and practice of the merit system. The Deputy Director shall be appointed and hold office at the will of the Director, and the provisions of Article 64A of this Code, title, "Merit System," shall not apply.

(b) *Merit System.* The Director at his discretion may appoint the Deputy Director from among the classified employees in the Department, and if such appointee is subsequently removed from or ceases to hold his position as Deputy Director, he shall be restored to the merit system status in the position held by him at the time of his appointment as Deputy Director.

(c) *Disqualification.* The ~~Director~~ Deputy Director and examiners shall not be officers, directors, attorneys, employees or agents of, or in any manner be interested in, any association, except that they may be holders of free share accounts.

(d) *Deputy Director to act for Director, give bond.* In the absence of the Director or upon proper delegation by him, the Deputy Director shall act in the place and stead of the Director and in so acting shall have the same powers and duties as the Director. The