

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF MARYLAND

CONSTITUTION OF 1867

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shall consist of six lay members and six lawyer members. The term of each member shall be four years, but the General Assembly shall prescribe by law shorter terms for four of the lay and four of the lawyer members first appointed or elected, in order to establish overlapping terms of office. A vacancy on the Commission shall be filled for the remainder of the term. No member shall receive compensation for his service.

Section 5.17. Trial Courts Nominating Commissions.

A trial courts nominating commission shall make nominations to fill a vacancy on the Superior Court or on the District Court. The number of commissions and the terms of their members shall be prescribed by law. Each commission shall have at least six members and shall consist of an equal number of lay and lawyer members as prescribed by law. No member shall receive compensation for his service. Each commission shall make nominations to fill vacancies on the Superior Court in one or more counties, or on the District Court in one or more districts, or both, as prescribed by law.

Section 5.18. Lawyer Members of Nominating Commissions.

Lawyers throughout the State shall elect by secret ballot the lawyer members of the Appellate Courts Nominating Commission. Lawyers of the area for which each trial courts nominating commission is established shall elect by secret ballot the lawyer members of each commission. Election procedure and eligibility of lawyer members of nominating commissions and of their electors shall be prescribed by law.

Section 5.19. Lay Members of Nominating Commissions.

The governor shall appoint the lay members of the Appellate Courts Nominating Commission from among the qualified voters of the State. The governor shall appoint the lay members of each trial courts nominating commission from among the qualified voters of the area for which that commission is established.

Section 5.20. Restrictions on Members of Nominating Commissions.

During his service on a commission, a member shall not hold any public office of profit or office in a political party. A member shall not be eligible to hold a judicial office for two years immediately following his ser-