

(A) THE MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL—CULTURAL TELEVISION COMMISSION IS CREATED TO DEVELOP, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A SYSTEM OF STATE, REGIONAL AND LOCAL FACILITIES TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL TELEVISION PROGRAMMING IN THE STATE. THE COMMISSION SHALL ANNUALLY PREPARE A BUDGET REQUEST TO PROVIDE FUNDS REQUIRED TO PROPERLY PERFORM THESE FUNCTIONS AND SHALL EMPLOY SUCH PERSONNEL AS MAY BE REQUIRED TO FULFILL THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSION AND TO COORDINATE ALL FUNCTIONS OF THE TELEVISION SYSTEM.

(B) (1) THE MARYLAND EDUCATIONAL—CULTURAL TELEVISION COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF ELEVEN (11) MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR. FROM TIME TO TIME THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE ONE PERSON TO BE CHAIRMAN AND ANOTHER TO BE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION.

(2) OF THE PERSONS FIRST APPOINTED TO THE COMMISSION, THREE SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR TERMS OF FIVE YEARS; THREE, FOR FOUR YEARS; THREE, FOR THREE YEARS; AND TWO, FOR TWO YEARS. AS THESE INITIAL APPOINTMENTS EXPIRE ALL APPOINTMENTS SHALL BE FOR TERMS OF FIVE YEARS. A MEMBER WHOSE TERM IS EXPIRING MAY BE REAPPOINTED TO ANOTHER TERM. VACANCIES SHALL BE FILLED FROM TIME TO TIME FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM LEFT VACANT.

(3) THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE CHOSEN FROM RESIDENTS OF MARYLAND AND SHALL BE BROADLY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE AS A WHOLE, AND SHALL INCLUDE PERSONS ESPECIALLY SKILLED IN SUCH FIELDS AS PUBLIC OR PRIVATE EDUCATION, LIBRARIES, ART, MUSIC, DRAMA, HIGHER EDUCATION, THE TELEVISION AND RADIO INDUSTRIES, OR OTHER CATEGORIES CHOSEN BY THE GOVERNOR TO BRING SPECIAL COMPETENCE TO THE COMMISSION'S MEMBERSHIP. OF THOSE APPOINTED TO THE COMMISSION, ONE MEMBER SHALL BE THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AND TWO OTHER MEMBERS SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(4) THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR THEIR MEMBERSHIP ON THE COMMISSION BUT THEY MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR NECESSARY AND PROPER EXPENSES INCURRED IN THEIR ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS AND IN THE DISCHARGE OF THEIR DUTIES AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

(C) THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL HAVE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND CONTROL OVER THE PREPARATION, CONTENT AND PROGRAMMING OF ALL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS USED TO SUPPLEMENT PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND ADULT EDUCATION CURRICULA IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THIS STATE AND SHALL HAVE PRIORITY AS TO SCHEDULING OF PROGRAMS DURING SCHOOL HOURS. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ANNU-