

~~(5)~~ (3) *To make recommendations to the Governor concerning persons whose applications for pardon or commutation of sentence or clemency have been investigated and reported to the Board by the Department of Parole and Probation;*

~~(6)~~ (4) *To establish and modify from time to time general policy governing the conduct of parolees and probationers.*

112.

(a) *The Board shall have the power to adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its proceedings.*

(b) *For the performance of its duties, the Board shall conduct hearings, at least each month, at the PENAL OR CORRECTIONAL institutions under the supervision and control of the Department of Correction and other places of confinement or detention for violators of the criminal laws of this State, AS OFTEN AS MAY BE REQUIRED, AT JAILS OR OTHER PLACES OF PENAL CONFINEMENT OR DETENTION IN THIS STATE WHEREIN INMATES ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE CONSIDERATION ARE CONFINED.*

113.

The Board shall appoint such staff and other employees as may be necessary to perform its duties, and the activities of said staff and employees shall not duplicate or conflict with the functions and services of the Department of Parole and Probation. Such staff and employees shall be subject to the provisions of Article 64A of this Code, title "Merit System."

114.

The Board shall maintain a record of its actions, make an annual report of its work to the Governor, and make such recommendations for the improvement of its functions as may be appropriate.

DEPARTMENT OF PAROLE AND PROBATION

115.

(A) *There is hereby created a Department of Parole and Probation, the head of which shall be the Director of Parole and Probation. The Director shall be appointed by the Governor of Maryland by and with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland for an indefinite term, at the pleasure of the Governor. The salary of the Director shall be as provided in the annual State budget.*

(B) **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING DUTIES, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER DUTIES PROVIDED FOR HEREIN OR BY LAW:**

1. TO SUPERVISE THE CONDUCT OF PAROLEES, AND TO REGULARLY INFORM THE BOARD OF THEIR ACTIVITIES.

2. TO RECOMMEND, IN THE DISCRETION OF THE DEPARTMENT, THAT THE BOARD ISSUE WARRANTS FOR THE RETAKING OF PAROLEES.

3. TO ISSUE WARRANTS, UPON THE DELEGATION OF THIS POWER TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE RETAKING OF PAROLEES CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION OF PAROLE.