

*Article. He shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws.*

*(d) The office shall be located in Annapolis and shall consist of employees at salaries provided in the annual State budget from time to time.*

*(e) All powers and duties formerly vested prior to July 1, 1969, in the Secretary of State of Maryland under the provisions of this Article are hereby transferred to and thereafter vested in the State Administrative Board of Election Laws. Wherever in this Article any reference is made to the Secretary of State, from and after July 1, 1969, this reference shall mean the State Administrative Board of Election Laws except as otherwise provided herein.*

*(f) The State Administrative Board of Election Laws shall have the following powers and duties, including but not limited to:*

*(1) To exercise advisory supervision over the conduct of elections in the State.*

*(2) To adopt rules and regulations to assist the Boards of Supervisors of Elections to comply with the requirements of this Article in the conduct of registrations, voting and elections in the State and in otherwise fulfilling their duties under this Article.*

*(3) To constitute a depository for such election records and relevant information concerning elections as may be provided by law or by administrative practice.*

*(4) To make an annual report to the General Assembly including recommended changes in this article to assure its uniform administration and improvement in the procedure for the conduct of registration, voting and elections.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That Sections 18-1 and 18-2 of the said Article of the Code, subtitle "Board of State Canvassers," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

18-1.

*(a) Membership.—The [Secretary of State] Chairman of the State Administrative Board of Elections Laws, Comptroller, State Treasurer, Clerk of the Court of Appeals and Attorney General shall constitute the Board of State Canvassers, three of whom shall be a quorum.*

*(b) Meetings.—The [Secretary of State] Chairman of the State Administrative Board of Election Laws shall convene the meeting of the Board of State Canvassers to be held at his office within thirty days after any State election, or any election at which a candidate for member of the Congress of the United States is to be elected. If a majority does not attend, those present shall adjourn until the next day, at which time they shall proceed, without further delay, to canvass the votes.*

*(c) Tabulation of votes.—The Board of State Canvassers, when thus formed, shall from the certified copies of the statements made by the boards of city and county canvassers, proceed to make a statement of the whole number of votes given at such election for the*