

and shall be selected from those who have been admitted to practice law in this State, and who are most distinguished for integrity, wisdom and sound legal knowledge.

4A.

(a) There is created a Commission on Judicial Disabilities composed of ~~five~~ *seven* persons appointed by the Governor of Maryland. The members of the Commission shall be citizens and residents of this State. *Four* ~~three~~ members of the Commission shall be appointed from among the judges of the ~~Court of Appeals~~ *appellate courts*, the Circuit Courts for the Counties ~~and of~~ , the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City *and the District Court*; ~~one~~ *two* members shall be appointed from among those persons who are admitted to practice law in the State, who have been so engaged for at least fifteen years, and who ~~is~~ *are* not judges of any court; and one member shall represent the public, who shall not be a judge, active or retired, and who is not admitted to practice law in this State. The term of office of each member shall be for four years commencing on January 1, except that of those persons first appointed to the Commission one shall be appointed for a term of one year, one for two years, one for three years, and two for four years and *provided further that the additional lawyer member added by these amendments shall take office January 1, of the year next following adoption of these amendments by the voters and the additional judicial member on January 1, of the year after the additional lawyer member is to take office and thereafter all terms shall be for four years.* Whenever any member of the Commission appointed from among judges in the State ceases to be a judge, when any member appointed from among those admitted to practice law becomes a judge, when any member representing the public becomes a judge or is admitted to the practice of law in this State, or when any member ceases to be a resident of the State, in such case the membership of this member shall forthwith terminate. Any vacancies on the Commission shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Governor in the same manner as for making of appointments to the Commission and subject to the same qualifications which were applicable to the person causing the vacancy. No member of the Commission shall receive any compensation for his services as such but shall be allowed any expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of his duties as such member.

4B. POWERS AND PROCEDURES OF COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISABILITIES; REMOVAL AND RETIREMENT BY COURT OF APPEALS.

(A) THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISABILITIES SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS AGAINST ANY JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, ANY INTERMEDIATE COURTS OF APPEAL, THE CIRCUIT COURTS, THE SUPREME BENCH OF BALTIMORE CITY, THE ORPHANS' COURT AND ALL OTHER JUDGES APPOINTED OR ELECTED IF THE FULL TERM OF THE OFFICE IS NOT LESS THAN FOUR YEARS (INCLUDING A JUDGE HOLDING OFFICE ON THE DATE OF ADOPTION OF THIS AMENDMENT); AND TO CONDUCT HEARINGS CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OR RETIREMENT OF A JUDGE, ADMINISTER OATHS AND AFFIRMATIONS, ISSUE PROCESS TO COMPEL