

they are hereby added to Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1969 Replacement Volume), title "State Department of Social Services," subtitle "In General," to follow immediately after Section 1 (c) thereof, all to read as follows: WITH AMENDMENTS, AND THAT THE TITLE OF SAID ARTICLE 88A BE AND IT IS HEREBY CHANGED TO BE "SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION," AND ALL TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

## 1.

(a) There is hereby created and established a [new] State [department] *Administration*, to be known as the ["State Department of"] "*Social Services Administration*," hereinafter referred to as the "*State Administration*" or as the "State Department." There shall be a ["State] Board of Social Services," hereinafter referred to as the "State Board," composed of nine members appointed by the *Secretary of Employment and Social Services*, with the approval of the Governor, one of whom shall be designated by the [Governor] *Secretary* as chairman. All members of the State Board shall hold office for terms of six years, the terms of three members expiring on June 30 of every second year. The members of the State Board who are in office on [July 1, 1967] *August 31, 1970* shall continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms. In case of a vacancy for any reason, the *Secretary of Employment and Social Services*, with the approval of the Governor, shall appoint a member for the remainder of any unexpired term. The members of the State Board shall receive no salary for their services, but their reasonable expenses incurred in attending meetings or performing other official duties shall be paid.

(b) The State Board shall [determine basic social service and public assistance policies and rules and regulations relative thereto consistent with and in implementation of federal and State law governing the administration of social services and public assistance financed in whole or in part by the State Department; and it shall otherwise] advise and counsel AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO the *Secretary of Employment and Social Services* and the State Director of Social Services who shall be appointed as hereinafter provided on matters of social services policy. [in the performance of his duties.] The State Board's responsibility for giving advice AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS on matters of policy shall be construed to extend to advice AND RECOMMENDATIONS on such matters as program scope, eligibility standards, levels of assistance, intergovernmental relations and other facets affecting the basic public interest. The State Board [however,] shall exercise no [administrative] authority [dealing] with respect to the activities [and] or personnel of the State [Department] *Administration*. [except as provided in subsection (c) hereof.] *The Secretary of the State Board shall be appointed by the Secretary of Employment and Social Services.*

(c) The State [Board] *Director of Social Services* may prescribe the number, salaries and minimum qualifications of all of the personnel engaged in the administration of the activities of the State [Department] *Administration* and of the local departments of social services (hereinafter referred to as "local departments"), created or continued under the provisions of Section 13 of this Article, as are