

to the State [Department] *Administration* the name of such member, with the statement of such nonattendance, and the State [Board] *Director* may thereupon, in [its] *his* discretion, declare that a vacancy exists and proceed to have it filled by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term in the manner provided in the foregoing subsection (c).

(e) If any member of any of the local boards, except the ex officio member serving thereon under the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, becomes a candidate for political office, or accepts public office by election or appointment during his tenure of office on the local board, such candidacy for or acceptance of public office shall be considered as his resignation as a member of the local board, and the chairman of the local board shall forward or cause to be forwarded to the State [Department] *Administration* the name of such member, with the statement of such candidacy for or acceptance of public office. The State [Board] *Director* shall thereupon declare that a vacancy exists on the local board and proceed to have it filled by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term in the manner provided in the foregoing subsection (c).

14A.

The board of each local department of social services in the counties and the local commission of the department of social services in Baltimore City has the following duties and functions (specifically, by way of example and not in limitation) :

(1) To select the local director in the county from the State merit system list under the provisions of Article 64A of this Code, as submitted by the State [Department] *Administration*; provided that the selection of the local director in Baltimore City shall be in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of this article;

(2) To advise the local director and the State [Board] *Director* as to the local application of State policies or procedures;

(3) To be well informed on local departmental activities;

(4) To communicate to the residents of the counties and of Baltimore City, as the case may be, broad and comprehensive information as to the objectives, policies, programs and problems of local social services and public assistance administration;

(5) To review the periodic evaluation of the local department which has been prepared by the State [Department] *Administration* and its field supervisor or other employee, and to consult with the local director as to the proper implementation of these recommendations, and of such other recommendations as may result from evaluation made by the local board or local commission of the operation of its local department;

(6) To review the annual report of the local director as to the activities of the local department, together with any changes in policies or procedures recommended by the local board, and to transmit it to the State [Board] *Director* and to its local governing authority;

(7) To review and make suitable recommendations in connection with the annual estimate of funds needed for social services and public assistance purposes in the counties and in Baltimore City, as the case may be;