

*admitted to practice before the Court of Appeals of Maryland. The members of the Board shall be residents of the district and shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of three years. Any vacancy occurring on any district advisory board during the term of any member shall be filled by the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term. The Governor shall annually designate a chairman of each District Advisory Board, who shall preside over and represent the interests of the Board in carrying out the provisions of this Article.*

*(b) Each District Advisory Board shall hold at least one regular annual meeting at a time and place to be designated by the chairman. Additional meeting may be called upon notice by the chairman, the Public Defender or District Public Defender or upon the request of any three members of the Board.*

*(c) The District Advisory Boards shall study and observe the operation of the District Public Defender Office, and shall advise the Public Defender and the District Public Defender with respect to panels of attorneys, fees, and any other matters pertaining to the operation of the District Public Defender Office and the Public Defender System.*

*(d) Members of each District Advisory Board shall serve without compensation, except that they shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses, including travel, actually incurred in the performance of their duties.*

~~10.~~ 11. *Report of the Public Defender to the BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Governor and the General Assembly.*

*On or before the 30th day of September of each year, the Public Defender shall submit a report to the BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TO THE Governor and to the General Assembly. The report shall include pertinent data concerning the operations of the Office of the Public Defender including: projected needs; a breakdown of the number and type of classes handled and relative dispositions; recommendations for statutory changes including changes in the criminal law or court rules as may be appropriate or necessary for the improvement of the system of criminal justice and control of crime; and rehabilitation of offenders.*

~~11.~~ 12. *Severability.*

*The provisions of this Article are severable, and if any provision, sentence, clause, section or part thereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Article or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Article would have been adopted if such invalid or unconstitutional provision, sentence, clause, section or part had not been included therein.*

~~12.~~ 13. *Appropriations.*

*Funds for carrying out the provisions of this Article shall be as provided in the State Budget from time to time.*