

of Appeals of Maryland. No member of the Commission shall be eligible for appointment to fill any vacancy in appellate judicial office during the term for which he shall have been chosen.

The Commission shall seek, receive and review recommendations and information concerning the qualifications of proposed nominees for appellate judicial office. The Commission shall notify the Maryland State Bar Association, Inc., the county or city bar associations in the circuit in which the vacancy in judicial office shall exist or all such associations if it shall be at large, and such other bar or citizens organizations as the Commission may deem appropriate, of the existence of such vacancy, and shall request recommendations therefrom. The Commission may also seek recommendations from other interested citizens and from among its members.

The Commission shall evaluate proposed nominees as fully qualified or not fully qualified; and shall select and recommend for appointment, by a majority vote of its entire membership, from among those persons it shall have found to be fully qualified, not less than five nor more than seven persons for each vacancy in an appellate judicial office. However, if the position to be filled in an appellate judicial office is held by an incumbent judge who is eligible for reappointment and who desires reappointment, the Commission may, with the approval of the Governor, recommend less than five persons for such position. The Commission shall report to the Governor only the names of those persons so selected, in alphabetical order, and not more than thirty days prior to or sixty days after such vacancy shall occur. If any person so recommended shall notify the Governor of his unwillingness to accept appointment, the Governor may request the Commission to submit additional recommendations.

The Commission, with the approval of the Governor, shall adopt such rules for the conduct of its meetings and for its procedures as it may from time to time deem necessary and proper.

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF JULY 17, 1970

TRIAL COURT JUDICIAL SELECTION

WHEREAS, An Executive Order was promulgated on July 6, 1970, establishing the Governor's Commission on Appellate Judicial Selection, to make nominations and recommendations to the Governor of such persons as the Commission deems most qualified to fill vacancies on the appellate courts; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Order creating the Governor's Commission on Appellate Judicial Selection set forth the reasons for the establishment of said Commission, and particularly my belief that the high quality of our judiciary can best be maintained through the use of a nominating commission to aid the Governor in the performance of his constitutional duty to appoint duly qualified persons to the courts; and

WHEREAS, The same reasons underlying the establishment of a nominating commission for judicial vacancies on the appellate courts, are fully applicable to judicial vacancies on the trial courts of this State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Marvin Mandel, Governor of Maryland, do hereby create and establish a Governor's Commission on Trial Court Judicial Selection