

AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS IS CREATED AND CONTINUED, HEADED BY A DIRECTOR. THE DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED BY AND HOLDS OFFICE DURING THE PLEASURE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND. THE DIRECTOR SHALL HAVE THE COMPENSATION PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET. THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS SHALL HAVE A SEAL IN THE FORM THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS APPROVES. THE COURTS OF THE STATE SHALL TAKE JUDICIAL NOTICE OF THE SEAL.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 26, §6. Language permitting the director to be a part-time employee is proposed for deletion at the suggestion of the incumbent. The duties of this office are so numerous as to require a full-time director. The only other changes made are in style.

(B) EMPLOYEES.

SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, THE DIRECTOR MAY APPOINT EMPLOYEES NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT HIS DUTIES. THE APPOINTED PERSONS SHALL HAVE THE COMPENSATION PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Art. 26, §7. However, for emphasis, the prohibition against the practice of law has been placed in a separate subsection (c). The only other changes made are in style.

(C) PRACTICE OF LAW PROHIBITED.

NEITHER THE DIRECTOR NOR ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS MAY ENGAGE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived from the last sentence of Art. 26, §7. The prohibition against the practice of law has been extended. The revisor suggests that the director and his employees as a practical matter do not have time to practice law in any jurisdiction. The prohibition as proposed is now as broad as that applicable to District Court judges under Art. 26, §141(b).