

SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL, A PERSON KNOWN AS THE "DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF MINES", TO BE IN CHARGE OF THE BUREAU. THE DIRECTOR SHALL CONTINUE TO HOLD OFFICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE MERIT SYSTEM LAW. IF A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OCCURS, A SUCCESSOR SHALL BE SELECTED AND APPOINTED IN THE SAME MANNER.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 488 of the Code. The "State Commissioner of Personnel" is proposed for deletion and "Secretary of the Department of Personnel" is substituted therefor in light of Chapter 98, Acts of 1970, which established the Department of Personnel to be headed by a secretary. Furthermore, all references to the "Chief Mine Engineer" are proposed for deletion as obsolete. By legislative amendment, language is added to make clear that the position of director of the Bureau of Mines is within the merit system. The language "by reason of death, resignation or otherwise", is proposed for deletion because the new language covers any vacancy for whatever reason. The only other changes made are in style.

(B) QUALIFICATIONS, AND REQUIREMENTS OF OFFICE.—THE DIRECTOR SHALL BE A CITIZEN OF MARYLAND. HE SHALL HAVE AT LEAST TEN YEARS' PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN THE WORKING, VENTILATION, AND DRAINAGE OF BITUMINOUS COAL MINES, AND A PRACTICAL AND SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF ALL NOXIOUS AND DANGEROUS GASES FOUND IN ANY MINE. GRADUATION WITH A DEGREE IN MINING ENGINEERING FROM A SCHOOL OF RECOGNIZED STANDING SHALL BE CONSIDERED EQUIVALENT TO TWO YEARS' WORKING EXPERIENCE. THE DIRECTOR SHALL DEVOTE FULL TIME TO THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE, AND MAY NOT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY HAVE A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN ANY WAY IN ANY COAL MINE, MINING OPERATION, OR MINING INVESTMENT IN THIS OR ANY CONTIGUOUS STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 489 of the Code, as amended by Chapter 679, S.B. 390, Acts of 1973.

The language prohibiting financial interest by the director in this or any contiguous State is derived from the final sentence of