

PRACTICE IN THE STATE FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING HIS APPOINTMENT.

(B) THE GOVERNOR, WITH THE ADVICE OF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, SHALL APPOINT A SUCCESSOR TO EACH MEMBER OF THE PRESENT BOARD UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THEIR TERMS OR A VACANCY IN OFFICE, FROM A LIST OF QUALIFIED PODIATRISTS OF DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES TO BE FILLED SUBMITTED BY THE MARYLAND PODIATRY ASSOCIATION AND THE BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS.

(1) THE LIST SUBMITTED BY THE MARYLAND PODIATRY ASSOCIATION SHALL BE CHOSEN BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AT A MEETING CALLED FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE SECRETARY OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL MAIL IN ADVANCE TWO WEEKS NOTICE OF THE MEETING, STATING THE TIME, PLACE AND PURPOSE OF THE MEETING TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AT THEIR RESPECTIVE ADDRESSES APPEARING IN THE ASSOCIATION'S RECORDS.

(2) THE GOVERNOR MAY NOT GIVE PRIORITY TO EITHER OF THE LISTS BUT SHALL GIVE EQUAL CONSIDERATION TO THEM IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD.

(3) THE BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND AS CONSTITUTED ON JUNE 30, 1974 SHALL CONTINUE WITH EACH PRESENT MEMBER SERVING FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM FOR WHICH HE WAS APPOINTED.

(C) A MEMBER OF THE BOARD IS APPOINTED TO A THREE YEAR TERM AND SERVES UNTIL A QUALIFIED SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED. A MEMBER APPOINTED TO FILL A VACANCY SERVES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

A MEMBER WHO SERVES TWO FULL CONSECUTIVE TERMS MAY NOT SUCCEED HIMSELF EXCEPT THAT THIS PROVISION SHALL NOT APPLY TO MEMBERS SERVING ON THE BOARD ON MAY 30, 1974.

(D) A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM AND ELECT A CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY FROM AMONG THEIR MEMBERS.

A MEMBER OF THE BOARD WHO IS ABSENT WITHOUT ADEQUATE REASON FROM TWO SUCCESSIVE BOARD MEETINGS SHALL CEASE TO BE A MEMBER.

(E) THE GOVERNOR, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, SHALL REMOVE FROM OFFICE ANY BOARD MEMBER FOR CONTINUED NEGLECT OF DUTY, INCOMPETENCY, OR UNPROFESSIONAL OR DISHONORABLE CONDUCT.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act