

(A) THE OFFICE ON AGING IS CREATED AS PART OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. THE OFFICE CONSISTS OF A DIRECTOR ON AGING AND THE COMMISSION ON AGING.

(B) THE DIRECTOR ON AGING SHALL BE APPOINTED BY AND SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR AND BE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO HIM. THE DIRECTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE OFFICE AND SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES TO PROMOTE THE ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE OFFICE. HE SHALL RECEIVE THE SALARY PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(C) THE OFFICE SHALL HAVE THE ASSISTANTS, CONSULTANTS, AND EMPLOYEES PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

2. COMMISSION ON AGING

(A) THE COMMISSION ON AGING IS A PART OF THE OFFICE ON AGING AND SHALL EXERCISE THE POWERS AND DUTIES SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE.

(B) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF 13 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR TERMS OF FOUR YEARS. OF THE THIRTEEN MEMBERS, ONE SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, ONE SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF MARYLAND AND ELEVEN SHALL BE SELECTED TO REFLECT GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION AND BECAUSE OF THEIR INTEREST IN THE PROBLEMS OF THE AGING. OF THE THIRTEEN MEMBERS, NOT LESS THAN SEVEN SHALL BE 55 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER. THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE ONE OF THE THIRTEEN MEMBERS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION. IN CASE OF A VACANCY, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A SUCCESSOR TO SERVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM. MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO SERVE A MAXIMUM OF TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS. THIS LIMITATION OF TENURE SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY SERVICE PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1975.

(C) THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION MAY NOT RECEIVE ANY COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SERVICES, BUT SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR THEIR REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

3. POWERS OF DIRECTOR

(A) THE DIRECTOR ON AGING SHALL:

(1) ADMINISTER PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES DELEGATED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO THE STATE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965, AS AMENDED, WHICH ARE NOT OTHERWISE COMMITTED BY LAW TO SOME OTHER UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT;

(2) COORDINATE, SUBJECT TO EXISTING LAW,