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- (c) If the position to be filled is then held by an incumbent judge who is eligible for and desires reappointment, the Commission, with the prior approval of the Governor, may submit a list with less than the prescribed minimum number of names.

6. Commission Procedures

- (a) Each Commission shall operate under procedures specified in rules adopted by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals consistent with this Executive Order.
- (b) Upon notification by the Secretary that a vacancy exists or is about to occur in a judicial office for which a Commission is to make nominations, the Commission shall seek and review applications of proposed nominees for the Judicial office. The Commission shall notify the Maryland State Bar Association, Inc. and other appropriate bar associations of the vacancy, and shall request recommendations from them. The Commission may also seek a recommendation from interested citizens and from among its own members.
- (c) The Commission shall evaluate each proposed nominee. It shall select and nominate to the Governor the names of persons it finds to be legally and most fully professionally qualified. No person's name may be submitted unless he has been found legally and most fully professionally qualified by a vote of a majority of the entire authorized membership of the Commission, taken by secret ballot.
- (d) The Commission shall report to the Governor, in writing, the names of the persons it nominates as legally and fully professionally qualified to fill a vacancy. The names of persons shall be listed in alphabetical order. The report shall be submitted within 70 days after notification by the Commission's Secretary that a vacancy exists or is about to occur. The Commission shall