

Board. Each member of the Board shall receive per diem compensation as provided in the budget for each day actually engaged in the discharge of that member's official duties, as well as reimbursement for all necessary and proper expenses. The Board [shall have] HAS [such] staff as provided in the budget AND MAY REQUEST THE COMPTROLLER, ATTORNEY GENERAL, SECRETARY OF STATE, FOR SUCH PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE AS IS NECESSARY TO ASSIST THE BOARD IN PERFORMING ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AND SECTIONS 5 THROUGH 14 OF ARTICLE 40 OF THIS CODE. Meetings shall be held at the call of the chairman, or any three members of the Board. Three members shall constitute a quorum and the concurrence of at least three members [shall be] IS required for any advisory decision or opinion rendered by the Board. [Within thirty (30) days from August 24, 1973, the Governor, the President, the Speaker, and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals shall appoint initial members to the Board, to serve until the third Wednesday of January, 1975.]

(b) It [shall be] IS the function of the MARYLAND Public [Financial] Disclosure Advisory Board:

(1) To recommend to the Secretary of State, from time to time, [such] forms as it [may deem] DEEMS advisable for use in the filing of the statements required by this subtitle[, with initial recommendations to be made no later than the 1st day of December immediately following August 24, 1973;] AND BY SECTIONS 5 THROUGH 14, INCLUSIVE, OF ARTICLE 40 OF THE CODE, AND PROVIDED FURTHER THAT THE BOARD SHALL MAKE INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO FORMS TO BE FILED BY REGISTRANTS UNDER SECTIONS 5 THROUGH 14, INCLUSIVE, OF ARTICLE 40 OF THE CODE, NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 1977 AND THAT SUCH FORMS SHALL BE MADE INITIALLY AVAILABLE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 1977;

(2) TO REVIEW ALL STATEMENTS FILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE AND SECTIONS 5 THROUGH 14, INCLUSIVE, OF ARTICLE 40 OF THE CODE AND TO investigate complaints of alleged violations of [this subtitle] THESE SUBTITLES;

(3) To report violations of this subtitle AND OF SECTIONS 5 THROUGH 14, INCLUSIVE, OF ARTICLE 40 OF THE CODE, with appropriate notice [thereof] OF THE VIOLATIONS to the person so charged, to the Attorney General AND TO THE APPROPRIATE STATE'S ATTORNEY;

(4) To issue, upon written request of any person required to file a statement under this subtitle OR SECTIONS 5 THROUGH 14, INCLUSIVE, OF ARTICLE 40 OF THE CODE, advisory opinions with respect to any matter in which [such] THE person is involved concerning the applicability of [this subtitle] THESE SUBTITLES, but [no such request, investigation made pursuant thereto, or opinion shall be made public] THE BOARD, IN PUBLISHING