- (E) THE GOVERNOR MAY REMOVE A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON THE GROUNDS OF NEGLECT OF DUTY, MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE, A DISABILITY RENDERING HIM UNABLE TO DISCHARGE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICE, OR A VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE. BEFORE REMOVING A MEMBER FROM THE COMMISSION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL GIVE THE MEMBER WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE REASON FOR THE INTENDED ACTION, AND THE MEMBER SHALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REPLY.
- (F) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION SHALL RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET, AND SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR REASONABLE AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE DISCHARGE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES.
- (G) THE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT A CHAIRMAN FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERSHIP WHO SHALL HAVE A TERM FOR ONE YEAR AND IS ELIGIBLE FOR REELECTION.
- (H) THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIRMAN OR A MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS. A QUORUM CONSISTS OF THREE OR MORE MEMBERS. AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF AT LEAST THREE MEMBERS SHALL BE NECESSARY FOR ANY ACTION OF THE COMMISSION.
- (I) THE COMMISSION SHALL APPOINT AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND A GENERAL COUNSEL AND HAVE OTHER STAFF AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET. THE COMMISSION MAY REQUEST THE COMPTROLLER AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE AS IS NECESSARY TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS FUNCTIONS. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COMMISSION. THE GENERAL COUNSEL SHALL BE A PERSON ADMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND, AND CAN BE REMOVED BY THE COMMISSION ONLY FOR CAUSE. THE COMMISSION SHALL APPOINT AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, A GENERAL COUNSEL, AND A STAFF COUNSEL, AND SHALL HAVE SUCH OTHER STAFF AS MAY BE PROVIDED IN THE BUDGET. THE COMMISSION MAY REQUEST THE COMPTROLLER AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS FUNCTIONS.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE GENERAL COUNSEL, AND THE STAFF COUNSEL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COMMISSION. THE GENERAL COUNSEL AND THE STAFF COUNSEL SHALL BE PERSONS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

- $\frac{2-102}{100}$ STATE ETHICS COMMISSION: GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES.
- (A) EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED OTHERWISE, THE COMMISSION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.
- (B) THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISONS OF THIS ARTICLE.