

shall be appointed for one year, two members for two years, two members for three years, and two members for four years. The member appointed pursuant to the 1970 amendment to this Code shall be appointed for four years. One member shall be designated as chairman by the Governor and shall serve as such during his full term of office as a member. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, regardless of vacancies, and the affirmative vote of at least five members shall be necessary for any action. Whenever the Secretary of Personnel is unable to attend a meeting of the Board, he may designate the Deputy Secretary of Personnel to attend in his place, and in such event the Deputy Secretary shall be regarded as a member of the Board for that meeting and shall be entitled to vote. Appointed members of the Board shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The Board, with the approval of the Secretary of Personnel and the Governor, may appoint a paid Executive Secretary at such salary as the Secretary of Personnel may determine.

The Board shall be subject to the authority of the Secretary of Personnel as set forth in Article 41, Sections 213-217, of the Annotated Code of Maryland or elsewhere in the laws of Maryland. Determinations of the Board with respect to administrative matters, including but not limited to employment and removal of personnel, procurement of supplies and equipment, and expenditures of money, shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Personnel as well as subject to all applicable laws of Maryland relating to such matters. The Secretary of Personnel shall be responsible for furnishing such administrative support as may be required for the performance of the Board's duties. Except in his capacity as one member of the Board, the Secretary of Personnel shall have no authority over the Board's exercise of its powers and duties as set forth below in this Article.

The powers and duties of the Board shall be as follows:

1. To recommend from time to time such orders, rules, regulations and changes, as it deems necessary and proper to supplement, administer, and implement or amend the provisions of this Code of Ethics, which recommendations, when approved by the Governor, shall become part of this Code of Ethics. A copy of any such orders, rules, and regulations, when adopted by the Governor, shall be filed with the Secretary of State as an amendment to this executive order.

2. To render advisory opinions to officers and employees of the State, or any agency thereof, with respect to any matter or transaction in which such officer or employee is involved concerning the applicability of this