

## Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

1-708.

(A) THE SALARIES AND PENSIONS OF THE JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS, THE CIRCUIT COURTS OF THE COUNTIES, THE SUPREME BENCH OF BALTIMORE CITY, AND THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AS PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION, §§ 1-701 THROUGH 1-707 OF THIS ARTICLE, AND ARTICLE 73B, §§ 55 THROUGH 59 OF THE CODE.

(B) (1) THERE IS A JUDICIAL COMPENSATION COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION SHALL STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO ALL ASPECTS OF JUDICIAL COMPENSATION, TO THE END THAT THE JUDICIAL COMPENSATION STRUCTURE SHALL BE ADEQUATE TO ASSURE THAT HIGHLY QUALIFIED PERSONS WILL BE ATTRACTED TO THE BENCH AND WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE THERE WITHOUT UNREASONABLE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP.

(2) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF SEVEN MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR. NO MORE THAN THREE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION MAY BE INDIVIDUALS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW IN THIS STATE. IN NOMINATING AND APPOINTING MEMBERS, SPECIAL CONSIDERATION SHALL BE GIVEN TO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF COMPENSATION PRACTICES AND FINANCIAL MATTERS. THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT:

(I) TWO MEMBERS FROM A LIST OF THE NAMES OF AT LEAST FIVE NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

(II) TWO FROM A LIST OF THE NAMES OF AT LEAST FIVE NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES;

(III) ONE FROM A LIST OF THE NAMES OF AT LEAST THREE NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY THE MARYLAND STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.; AND

(IV) TWO AT LARGE.

(3) A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, OR JUDGE OR FORMER JUDGE IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMISSION.

(4) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 6 YEARS, COMMENCING JULY 1, 1980, AND UNTIL THE MEMBER'S SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED. HOWEVER, OF THE MEMBERS FIRST APPOINTED TO THE COMMISSION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE, ONE OF THE MEMBERS NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL TO SERVE FOR 3 YEARS AND ONE FOR 6 YEARS; ONE OF THE MEMBERS NOMINATED BY THE SPEAKER SHALL TO SERVE FOR 4 YEARS AND ONE FOR 5 YEARS; THE MEMBER NOMINATED BY THE MARYLAND STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, INC., SHALL TO SERVE FOR 3 YEARS; AND ONE OF THE MEMBERS AT LARGE SHALL TO SERVE FOR 2 YEARS, AND ONE FOR 6 YEARS. A MEMBER IS ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT.