

SERVICES SELECTION BOARD OR THE GENERAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SELECTION BOARD FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

7-202.

(A) (1) THERE IS A MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS, REFERRED TO IN THIS TITLE AS THE APPEALS BOARD.

(2) THE APPEALS BOARD IS AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND MAY NOT, EXCEPT BY STATUTE, BE MADE A PART OF ANY DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY.

(B) (1) THE APPEALS BOARD CONSISTS OF THREE MEMBERS, EACH APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

(2) THE MEMBERS OF THE APPEALS BOARD SHALL BE QUALIFIED TO SERVE IN A QUASI-JUDICIAL CAPACITY AND SHALL HAVE A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF PROCUREMENT PRACTICES AND PROCESSES.

(3) MEMBERS INITIALLY APPOINTED SHALL SERVE UNTIL FEBRUARY 1, 1984. THEREAFTER, THE MEMBERS SHALL HAVE 4-YEAR TERMS. HOWEVER, A MEMBER SHALL CONTINUE SERVING BEYOND HIS TERM UNTIL THE APPOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATION OF HIS SUCCESSOR.

(4) IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY ON THE APPEALS BOARD, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, A SUCCESSOR TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

(5) A MEMBER OF THE APPEALS BOARD MAY BE REMOVED FOR CAUSE BY THE GOVERNOR.

(6) MEMBERS OF THE APPEALS BOARD SHALL SERVE FULL TIME, RECEIVE THE COMPENSATION PROVIDED FOR IN THE BUDGET, AND BE REIMBURSED FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS.

(7) THE APPEALS BOARD SHALL HAVE SUCH STAFF AS IS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BUDGET.

(8) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE APPEALS BOARD TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN.

(C) (1) THE APPEALS BOARD SHALL HAVE JURISDICTION TO HEAR AND DECIDE ALL APPEALS ARISING UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION ~~7-201(B)(2)~~ 7-201(D) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(2) PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE APPEALS BOARD SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT AS THEY RELATE TO CONTESTED CASES BEFORE AGENCIES. THE APPEALS BOARD SHALL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT, ADOPT REGULATIONS WHICH ARE NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THAT ACT TO PROVIDE FOR INFORMAL, EXPEDITIOUS, AND