

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Chairman, shall be appointed by the Governor. The Chairman may but need not be a lawyer, and shall be selected from the State at large. He may not [be an elected State official] HOLD AN OFFICE OF PROFIT OR TRUST UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OR LAWS OF THIS STATE OR AN OFFICE IN A POLITICAL PARTY OR BE a full-time employee of the State.

(2) One person shall be appointed by the Governor from each of the six Appellate Judicial Circuits, and shall be a resident and registered voter in the circuit from which he is appointed. These persons may not be lawyers, [elected State officials] HOLD OFFICES OF PROFIT OR TRUST UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OR LAWS OF THIS STATE OR OFFICES IN ANY POLITICAL PARTY, or BE full time employees of the State.

(3) One person, who shall be a member of the Maryland Bar, shall be elected by the members of the Maryland Bar in each of the six Appellate Judicial Circuits. THESE PERSONS SHALL BE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN STATE ELECTIONS, SHALL RESIDE OR MAINTAIN A PRINCIPAL OFFICE FOR THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN THE APPELLATE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FROM WHICH ELECTED, AND MAY NOT HOLD OFFICES OF PROFIT OR TRUST UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OR LAWS OF THIS STATE OR OFFICES IN ANY POLITICAL PARTY OR BE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE. THEY SHALL BE ELECTED BY MEMBERS OF THE MARYLAND BAR WHO ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN STATE ELECTIONS AND WHO EITHER RESIDE OR MAINTAIN THEIR PRINCIPAL OFFICES FOR THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN THE APPROPRIATE APPELLATE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT. The elections in each circuit shall be conducted by the State Court Administrator pursuant to Rules promulgated by the Court of Appeals.

(4) The State Court Administrator is, ex officio, the non-voting Secretary of the Commission.

(5) THE COMMISSION, BY VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF ITS FULL AUTHORIZED MEMBERSHIP, SHALL SELECT FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS A VICE CHAIRMAN. THE VICE CHAIRMAN MAY PERFORM ANY DUTY OF THE CHAIRMAN, DURING HIS ABSENCE, UNAVAILABILITY, OR INABILITY TO