

procedures specified in rules adopted by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals consistent with this Executive Order.

(b) Upon notification by the Secretary that a vacancy exists or is about to occur in a judicial office for which a Commission is to make nominations, the Commission shall seek and review applications of proposed nominees for the Judicial office. APPLICATIONS SHALL BE MADE ON THE FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY. The Commission shall notify the Maryland State Bar Association, Inc. and other appropriate bar associations of the vacancy, and shall request recommendations from them. The Commission may also seek a recommendation from interested citizens and from among its own members.

(c) (1) The Commission shall evaluate each proposed nominee. IN THE COURSE OF ITS EVALUATION, A COMMISSION MAY SEEK INFORMATION BEYOND THAT CONTAINED IN THE PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE SUBMITTED TO IT. IT MAY OBTAIN PERTINENT INFORMATION FROM KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSONS KNOWN TO COMMISSION MEMBERS, THE ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE COMMISSION, JUDGES, PERSONAL REFERENCES GIVEN BY THE CANDIDATE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCIES, OR OTHER SOURCES. A CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY, INCLUDING THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY, MAY RELEASE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION, INCLUDING CONVICTION AND NONCONVICTION DATA, TO A COMMISSION, ON THE REQUEST OF THE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVALUATING A CANDIDATE.

(2) NOT LESS THAN NINE COMMISSION MEMBERS SHALL BE PRESENT AT A VOTING SESSION.

(3) THE COMMISSION [It] shall select and nominate to the Governor the names of persons it finds to be legally and most fully professionally qualified. No person's name may be submitted unless he has been found legally and most fully professionally qualified by a vote of a majority of the entire authorized membership of the Commission, taken by secret ballot AND UNLESS HE HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED BY THE COMMISSION OR A PANEL THEREOF.

(d) The Commission shall report to the

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