

matters prescribed by this article.

2-102. Establishment of State Ethics Commission;
membership; meetings; staff.

(a) Established. -- There is a State Ethics Commission.

(b) Composition; appointment of members. -- The Commission consists of five members. The Governor shall appoint three members, at least one of whom is a member of the other principal political party to which the incumbent Governor does not belong, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Governor also shall appoint one member nominated by the President of the Senate and one member nominated by the Speaker of the House. The Governor may reject the nominee of the President, or of the Speaker, only for cause in which event the President or the Speaker, as the case may be, shall submit another nominee.

(c) Qualifications of members. -- A person is eligible to serve as a member of the Commission if the person:

(1) Does not hold any elected or appointed office, is not a candidate for office of the United States, the State, or of any political subdivision, or bicounty or multicounty agency or incorporated municipality of the State or in any political party;

(2) Is not an employee of the United States, the State, or of any political subdivision, or bicounty or multicounty agency or incorporated municipality of the State, or of any political party; and

(3) Is not a registrant.

(d) Term; vacancies. -- The terms of the members are five years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. However, of the initial appointees, one shall have an initial term of one year, one shall have an initial term of two years, one shall have an initial term of three years, one shall have an initial term of four years, and one shall have an initial term of five years. Members may serve only two consecutive five-year terms. Any vacancy occurring on the Commission shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as provided for appointments to the Commission.

(e) Removal of member. -- The Governor may remove a member of the Commission on the grounds of neglect of duty, misconduct in office, a disability rendering him unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office, or a violation of this article. Before removing a member from the Commission, the Governor shall give the member written notice of the reason for the intended action, and the member shall have an opportunity to reply.