

only after being served with a written statement of the charges and after a hearing before the Secretary is deleted as repetitive of the basic due process rights that a Board member charged with the enumerated fault grounds would have under Art. 24 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights. In addition, the reference to a hearing before the Secretary may be an unconstitutional legislative modification of the constitutional power of the Governor to remove Board members.

8-203. OFFICERS.

(A) APPOINTMENTS.

FROM AMONG THE BOARD MEMBERS, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

(B) BOARD SECRETARY.

(1) WITH THE CONSENT OF THE BOARD, THE BOARD CHAIRMAN SHALL APPOINT THE BOARD SECRETARY.

(2) THE BOARD SECRETARY MAY NOT BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD AND SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE BOARD.

(3) THE BOARD SECRETARY IS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the first sentence of Art. 43, § 769(e) and the first three sentences of (f).

In subsection (a) of this section, the phrase "from among its members" is new language added for clarity, in accordance with the current practice of the Board.

The fourth sentence of present Art. 43, § 769(f), which requires the Board secretary to be bonded, is deleted as unnecessary since, in fact, all State employees and officers are covered by a blanket bond.

8-204. QUORUM; MEETINGS; COMPENSATION; STAFF.

(A) QUORUM.

A MAJORITY OF THE FULL AUTHORIZED MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD IS A QUORUM.

(B) MEETINGS.

THE BOARD SHALL MEET AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR, AT THE TIMES AND PLACES THAT IT DETERMINES.