

The amendments made by this Order are applicable to any judicial vacancy which occurs on or after [June 8, 1979] APRIL 24, 1982. The amendments made by this Order do not affect the current terms of any member of any Commission, OTHER THAN THE NON-VOTING SECRETARY. These members, OTHER THAN THE NON-VOTING SECRETARY, shall serve until their successors are duly chosen in accordance with this Order.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER OF MAY 6, 1982

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ANTI-ARSON ADVISORY COUNCIL - AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, The occurrence of the crime of arson in Maryland has reached serious proportions and is estimated to have increased by at least 8 percent in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Each year an average of 15 Marylanders die as a result of fires set by arsonists; and

WHEREAS, The property damage caused by arsons in 1981 is estimated at approximately 30 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has recently improved its capabilities in combatting the crime of arson through, among other things, the initiation of additional training programs for fire service, law enforcement personnel and assistant state's attorneys, with the development of a statewide incident reporting system, and by deployment of regional fire investigators throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, There is a continuing need to evaluate the effectiveness of state and local programs related to arson prevention, detection, and control and to develop statewide strategies, as appropriate, to combat the crime; and

WHEREAS, It is considered advisable to expand the membership of the Anti-Arson Advisory Council to allow additional representation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY HUGHES, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY