

(2) two members ~~with knowledge of labor issues~~ CHOSEN FROM A LIST OF ~~FIVE CANDIDATES SUBMITTED JOINTLY BY THE EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVES BY EACH EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE~~, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, who:

(i) are not officers or employees of the State or ~~[an]~~ A STATE employee organization; and

(ii) are known for objective and independent judgment; and

(3) two members of the business community, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, who:

(I) ARE NOT OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE OR A STATE EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION; AND

(II) are known for objective and independent judgment.

(b) Before taking office, each ~~[appointed]~~ member shall take the oath required by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.

(c) ~~[With the advice of the Secretary, the Governor shall designate a chairman from among the appointed members of the Board]~~ FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS, THE BOARD SHALL ELECT A CHAIRMAN.

(d) ~~[The Secretary or the Secretary's designee shall serve as a continuing member.~~

(e) (1) The term of ~~[an appointed]~~ A member is 6 years.

(2) The terms of ~~[appointed]~~ members are staggered as required by the terms provided for ~~[appointed]~~ members of the Board on July 1, ~~[1999]~~ 2006.

(3) A vacancy shall be filled for an unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment.

(4) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(5) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

~~[(f)]~~ (E) The Governor may remove ~~[an appointed]~~ A member ONLY for incompetence or misconduct.

~~[(g)]~~ (F) In making appointments to the Board, the Governor shall ensure, to the extent practicable, that:

(1) the ratio of male and female members and the racial makeup of the Board is reflective of the general population of the State; and

(2) each major geographic area of the State is represented on the Board.