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IN THIS ARTICLE:

- (1) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE MARYLAND COMMISSION FOR WOMEN;
 - (2) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES;
- AND
- (3) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

[2.

The Maryland Commission for Women is established and consists of 24 members appointed by the Governor from among persons interested in the improvement of the status of women. The membership shall include both men and women and shall be broadly representative of all fields of interest of women. It shall include persons experienced in public affairs, private industry and volunteer activities and shall represent various age groups and geographical regions of the State. The Commission is a unit of the Department of Human Resources and shall report to the Governor and the legislature through the Secretary of the Department.]

2.

(A) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF:

- (1) NINE INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE;
- (2) EIGHT INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND; AND
- (3) EIGHT INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

(B) (1) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE APPOINTED FROM AMONG APPLICANTS WHO HAVE BEEN NOMINATED AND RECOMMENDED FOR APPOINTMENT BY ORGANIZATIONS LOCATED IN THE STATE WHOSE INTERESTS RELATE TO THE STATUS OF WOMEN:

- (I) FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;
- (II) FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND; AND
- (III) FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

(2) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE APPOINTED FROM APPLICANTS APPLYING ON THEIR OWN BEHALF:

- (I) FIVE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;
- (II) FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND; AND