

~~(B) THE COMMITTEE SHALL PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR ON ANY POLICY, REGULATION, FORM, OR PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR.~~

~~(C) IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR, THE COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT A LIST OF RECOMMENDED APPOINTEES FOR THE VACANCY TO THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL COMMISSION.~~

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(a) There is a State Administrator of Elections.

(b) The State Administrator shall:

(1) be appointed by THE STATE BOARD, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, ~~and serve at the pleasure of the State Board~~ ~~THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL COMMISSION WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE;~~

(2) receive a salary as provided in the State budget;

(3) as provided in the State budget, employ and supervise:

(i) a deputy administrator, WHO SHALL SERVE AS STATE ADMINISTRATOR IN THE EVENT THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR RESIGNS, BECOMES DISABLED, OR DIES, PENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A SUCCESSOR STATE ADMINISTRATOR; and

(ii) pursuant to the State Personnel and Pensions Article, other staff ~~of the State Board~~ ~~SUFFICIENT TO CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS OF THIS ARTICLE;~~

(4) supervise the ~~CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS IN THE STATE AND THE~~ operations of the local boards;

(5) perform all duties and exercise all powers that are assigned by law to the State Administrator ~~for delegated by the State Board~~;

(6) PROVIDED THE STATE BOARD IS FULLY CONSTITUTED WITH FIVE DULY CONFIRMED MEMBERS, be subject to removal ~~by the affirmative vote of four DULY CONFIRMED~~ members of the State Board for incompetence, misconduct, or other good cause; ~~however,~~ EXCEPT THAT:

(I) prior to removal, the State Board shall set forth written charges stating the grounds for dismissal and afford the State Administrator notice and an ample opportunity to be heard ~~AS PROVIDED UNDER § 2-107(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE;~~ ~~and~~

(II) SUBSEQUENT TO A VALID VOTE FOR REMOVAL BY AT LEAST FOUR DULY CONFIRMED MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD, THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR IS AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE OF MARYLAND; AND