

~~(I) APPOINT AN ACTING STATE ADMINISTRATOR;~~

~~(II) NOTIFY THE STATE ELECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE VACANCY AND REQUEST RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THAT COMMITTEE; AND~~

~~(III) SEEK AND REVIEW THE APPLICATIONS OF POTENTIAL APPOINTEES TO THE POSITION OF STATE ADMINISTRATOR.~~

~~(2) THE COMMISSION SHALL INTERVIEW EACH ELIGIBLE APPLICANT AND SELECT THE MOST QUALIFIED CANDIDATE.~~

~~(3) THE SELECTION SHALL BE MADE:~~

~~(I) BASED ON AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION; AND~~

~~(II) WITHIN 70 DAYS AFTER NOTIFICATION THAT A VACANCY EXISTS OR IS ABOUT TO OCCUR.~~

~~(C) (1) BY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, THE COMMISSION MAY REMOVE THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR INCOMPETENCE, MISCONDUCT, OR OTHER GOOD CAUSE.~~

~~(2) PRIOR TO REMOVAL, THE COMMISSION SHALL:~~

~~(I) SET FORTH WRITTEN CHARGES STATING THE GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL;~~

~~(II) PROVIDE THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE WRITTEN CHARGES; AND~~

~~(III) AFFORD THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR NOTICE AND AN AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.~~

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(a) (1) There is a Maryland Election Modernization Fund.

(2) The Fund is established as a continuing fund for programs relating to the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 and related expenditures.

(3) The Fund is a special, continuing, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(4) The Treasurer shall separately hold and the Comptroller shall account for the Fund.

(5) The Fund shall be invested and reinvested in the same manner as other State funds.

(6) Any investment earnings shall be retained to the credit of the Fund.

(b) The Fund consists of:

(1) moneys appropriated in the State budget to the Fund;