

~~(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;~~