

4. (a) (1) Subject to the approval of the board, the County Executive shall nominate one or more candidates for executive director, who shall be the chief administrative officer of the revenue authority.

(2) The executive director:

(i) shall serve at the pleasure of the board and the County Executive; and

(ii) may be removed from office either by the County Executive with the concurrence of the board or by a two-thirds vote of the board.

(3) The duties, responsibilities, and compensation of the executive director shall be determined by the board.

(4) The executive director shall appoint or employ any additional professional, technical, or clerical staff necessary to carry out the revenue authority's duties, and shall determine their qualifications, duties, and compensation.

(b) The board may engage any necessary accountants, engineers, financial advisors, or other consultants.

5. (a) The powers granted to the revenue authority may not be construed to authorize the revenue authority to:

(1) preempt or supersede the regulatory authority of any State or county department or agency; or

(2) engage in any activity which is beyond its stated purpose or powers.

(b) In addition to other powers granted to it under this Act or by local legislation enacted by the County, the revenue authority has the following powers:

(1) to develop and annually update the plan for the County;

(2) to implement the plan for the County;

(3) to make, amend, and repeal bylaws, rules, and regulations in a manner consistent with this Act and in compliance with the provisions of the Howard County Administrative Procedure Act;

(4) to have a seal and alter the seal at its pleasure;

(5) to purchase, lease, use, hold, or obtain options on real or personal property or interest in real or personal property as these are necessary for the efficient regular operation of the revenue authority;

(6) to acquire real or personal property or interest in real or personal property by gift, grant, bequest, devise, or other means;

(7) to sell, lease, transfer, exchange, assign, pledge, or dispose of any real or personal property or any interest in real or personal property as these are necessary for the efficient regular operation of the revenue authority;