

- (1) VETERANS AND VETERANS' GROUPS; AND
- (2) THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF THE STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a), (b)(1) and (4), and (c) of this section are new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 96 1/2, § 53(b) and the first, second, and fourth sentences of (a).

Subsection (b)(2) of this section is new language substituted for the third sentence of former Art. 96 1/2, § 53(a), which specified the initial terms of members and which is deleted as obsolete.

The terms of the members serving on October 1, 1984 end as follows: (1) 3 in 1985; (2) 3 in 1986; (3) 2 in 1987; and (4) 3 in 1988.

Subsection (b)(3) of this section is standard language added to avoid gaps in membership by providing that a member serves until a successor takes office. This provision is supported by the cases of Benson v. Mellor, 152 Md. 481 (1927) and Grooms v. LaVale Zoning Board, 27 Md. App. 266 (1975).

Throughout this section and this Part III of this subtitle, the term "member" is substituted for the former references "trustee[s]", to conform to other similar provisions in this article.

In the introductory clause of subsection (a) of this section, the number "15" is substituted for the former reference "12", which failed to reflect the ex officio members under subsection (a)(2)(i) through (iii) of this section.

Subsection (a)(2)(iv) of this section is revised to make the Chairman of the Maryland Veterans Commission an "ex officio member". Although the second clause of the first sentence of former Art. 96 1/2, § 53(a) referred to "a person who is currently the chairman" and could be read to mean the individual who was chairman when Ch. 575, Acts of 1975, enacted former § 53(a), this reading could leave a gap in the membership.

Defined term: "Veteran" § 9-901

9-922. OFFICERS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS, THE VETERANS' HOME COMMISSION SHALL ELECT A CHAIRMAN, A SECRETARY, AND ANY OTHER OFFICERS THAT THE COMMISSION CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.