

WHEREAS, It is important not to delay or hinder any investigation currently under way and coordinated with federal prosecutors; and

WHEREAS, It is important to establish an office for a limited period of time with the proper special powers to carry out its investigation of all aspects of the savings and loan association crisis in a thorough and expeditious manner; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Government

SUBTITLE 12. SPECIAL COUNSEL

9-1201.

(A) THERE IS AN OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL.

(B) THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL IS AN INDEPENDENT UNIT IN THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT AND MAY NOT, EXCEPT BY STATUTE, BE MADE A PART OF ANY DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY.

(C) THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL IS ESTABLISHED FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSES SET FORTH UNDER SECTION 9-1204 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

9-1202.

(A) (1) THE SPECIAL COUNSEL SHALL BE APPOINTED ON OR BEFORE JULY--17--1985 JUNE 15, 1985 BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, AND SHALL ASSUME THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE BY JULY 1, 1985.

(2) THE SPECIAL COUNSEL MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE BY THE GOVERNOR FOR MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE, PERSISTENT FAILURE TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE, OR CONDUCT PREJUDICIAL TO THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

~~(B)--A-PERSON-IS-NOT-ELIGIBLE-TO-BE-SPECIAL-COUNSEL-~~

~~(1)--UNLESS-THE-PERSON-HAS-EXECUTED-AN-AFFIDAVIT-UNDER OATH--THAT--THE--PERSON--WILL--NOT-ACCEPT-APPOINTMENT-TO,-OR-BE-A CANDIDATE-FOR,-ANY-STATE-OR-LOCAL-OFFICE,-WHETHER--APPOINTIVE--OR ELECTIVE,-DURING-THAT-PERSON'S-SERVICE-AS-SPECIAL-COUNSEL-AND-FOR A--3-YEAR-PERIOD-AFTER-THE-PERSON-LAST-SERVES-AS-SPECIAL-COUNSEL, AND~~

~~(2)--IF-THE-PERSON-IS-A--STATE--EMPLOYEE--OR--A--STATE PUBLIC-OFFICIAL-~~

(B) A PERSON APPOINTED AS SPECIAL COUNSEL:

(1) SHALL HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND BAR FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS;