

~~(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;

(2) SHALL EXECUTE 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

(3) MAY NOT BE A STATE EMPLOYEE OR A STATE PUBLIC OFFICIAL.

(C) THE SPECIAL COUNSEL SHALL RECEIVE THE SALARY PROVIDED ~~IN~~ AS ALLOWED BY THE STATE BUDGET.

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(A) (1) THE SPECIAL COUNSEL MAY APPOINT AND EMPLOY THE PROFESSIONAL, INVESTIGATIVE, AND CLERICAL STAFF PROVIDED--IN AS ALLOWED BY THE STATE BUDGET.

(2) EXCEPT FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO CURRENTLY ARE STATE EMPLOYEES AND WHO RETAIN THEIR EXISTING STATUS UNDER ARTICLE 64A OF THE CODE, INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED BY THE SPECIAL COUNSEL SHALL BE UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES.

(B) (1) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE SPECIAL COUNSEL SHALL UTILIZE THE SERVICES AND PERSONNEL OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE, AND OTHER ESTABLISHED STATE AND AGENCIES AND STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

(2) THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE, AND OTHER ESTABLISHED STATE AND AGENCIES AND STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE SPECIAL COUNSEL AND STAFF.

(C) WITH RESPECT TO ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES AND OBTAINING SUPPLIES AND SERVICES, THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 21 OF THE CODE.

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(A) THE SPECIAL COUNSEL HAS THE DUTIES, POWERS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION.