

Baltimore, Howard, Cecil, and Harford counties, whose duty it shall be to faithfully and impartially execute, or cause to be executed, all the provisions and requirements of this subtitle. A public member of the Board may not be a resident of the same city, county, or other political subdivision of a plumber member of the Board. Any political subdivision exempt from the provisions of this subtitle may not have a member on the Board. The Governor, with the advice of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation, shall designate one of the members of the Board to be chairman. The terms of all members of the Board shall expire on May 1, 1985. Effective May 1, 1985, 3 members shall be appointed for a term of 1 year; 3 members shall be appointed for a term of 2 years; and 3 members shall be appointed for a term of 3 years. Thereafter all members shall be appointed for a term of 3 years. All terms shall begin as of May 1 in the year in which appointed. At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies. A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies. Upon application and at such place or places in this State as they may determine, provided at least once in each year the examination shall be held in Baltimore City, they shall examine each and every person who shall desire to work at the plumbing business, touching his competency and qualification. The Board shall require written or oral answers to appropriate questions and may require an actual demonstration relating to the applicant's knowledge contemplated to be performed under the license for which he has made application. [Each] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, EACH applicant for a master's license shall pay an examination fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) and each applicant for a journeyman's license shall pay an examination fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) to the Board before taking the examination. In the event that an applicant fails to appear for an examination scheduled by the Board, the Board may require the applicant to pay another examination fee prior to rescheduling of an examination for such applicant. Upon being satisfied that the person so examined is competent and qualified to work at said business, they, or any 5 of them, shall grant to such a person a certificate of competency and register him in their books as a practical plumber, which shall operate as full authority to him to work at, conduct and engage in the said plumbing business for the period for which such certificate shall be granted, and such certificate may be called or designated by said Board a "master plumber's certificate." The exercise or performance of all powers, authority, duties and functions vested in the Board by the provisions of this subtitle, shall be subject to the power and authority of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation as set forth in Article 41 of this Code, or elsewhere in the laws of this State.

(B) IF THE FEE IN THE STATE OF THE NONRESIDENT IS HIGHER THAN THE FEE IN THIS STATE, A NONRESIDENT PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION WHICH IS INCORPORATED IN OR HAS CENTRAL OFFICES LOCATED IN A STATE OTHER THAN THIS STATE SHALL: