

elections, shall reside or maintain a principal office for the practice of law in the Appellate Judicial Circuit from which elected, and may not hold offices of profit or trust under the Constitution or laws of this State or offices in any political party or be full-time employees of the State. They shall be elected by members of the Maryland Bar who are registered to vote in State elections and who either reside or maintain their principal offices for the practice of law in the appropriate Appellate Judicial Circuit. The elections in each circuit shall be conducted by the Administrative Office of the Courts pursuant to Rules promulgated by the Court of Appeals.

- (4) The Administrative Office of the Courts is the secretariat for the commissions.
- (5) The Commission, by vote of a majority of its full authorized membership, shall select from among the members a vice chairman. The Vice Chairman may perform any duty of the Chairman, during his absence, unavailability, or inability to act.

(b) Terms

The terms of the members of the Commission extend to the date of qualification of the Governor elected at each quadriennial election, and until their successors are duly chosen. However, if the Commission meets not less than twice in any calendar year and a Commission member who is not disqualified from participation fails to attend at least 50 percent of the Commission meetings held in that year, the term of the member is terminated automatically at the end of the calendar year and another member promptly shall be selected.

(c) Vacancies

If a vacancy occurs on the Commission by reason of the death, resignation, removal, or disqualification of a member appointed by the Governor, [his] THE MEMBER'S successor shall be appointed by the Governor, in accordance with Paragraph [1(a)] 2(A). If the vacancy occurs by reason of the death, resignation, removal, or disqualification of a member elected by the members of the Bar,