

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

inability to act.

- (2) Terms. The terms of the members of the Commission extend to the date of qualification of the Governor elected at each quadrennial 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 participating 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.
- (3) Vacancies. If a vacancy occurs on the Commission by reason of the death, resignation, removal, or disqualification of a member appointed by the Governor, the member's successor shall be appointed by the Governor, in accordance with Section B.(1). If the vacancy occurs by reason of the death, resignation, removal, or disqualification of a member elected by the members of the Bar, the member's successor shall be selected pursuant to rules promulgated by the Court of Appeals.
- (4) Ineligibility for Judicial Appointment. The Governor shall not appoint a member of the Commission to a vacancy that occurs on an Appellate Court during the term for which the member was chosen.
- (5) Number of Recommendations. The Commission shall submit to the Governor a list of not less than five nor more than seven nominees for each vacancy on an Appellate Court.

C. Trial Courts Judicial Nominating Commissions.

- (1) Creation and Composition. A Trial Court Judicial Nominating Commission is created as part of the Executive Department for each of the eight judicial circuits of the State. Each Commission shall consist of 13 persons chosen as follows:
  - (a) One person, who shall be the Chairman, shall be appointed by the Governor. The Chairman may but not need be a lawyer, but shall be a resident and registered voter of the Judicial Circuit. The Chairman may not hold an office of profit or trust under the Constitution or laws of this State or an office in a political party or be a full-time employee of the State.