

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

the Constitution or laws of this State or an office in a political party or be a full-time employee of the State.

(b) One person shall be appointed by the Governor from each of the six Appellate Judicial Circuits, and shall be a resident and registered voter in the circuit from which appointed. These persons may not be lawyers, 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. To the FULLEST extent possible, the composition of the members appointed by the Governor shall fairly AND APPROPRIATELY reflect the minority and female composition of the circuit from which appointed.

(c) One person, who shall be a member of the Maryland Bar, shall be elected by the members of the Maryland Bar in each of the six Appellate Judicial Circuits. These persons shall be registered to vote in State 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.

(d) The Administrative Office of the Courts is the secretariat for the commissions.

(e) 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.

(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