

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Commission shall notify the Maryland State Bar Association, Inc. and other appropriate bar associations of the vacancy, and shall request recommendations from [the] THEM. The commission may also seek recommendations from interested citizens and from among its own members.

(3) (a) The Commission shall evaluate each proposed nominee. In the course of its evaluation, a Commission may seek information beyond that contained in the personal data questionnaire submitted to it. It may obtain pertinent information from knowledgeable persons known to Commission members, the Attorney Grievance Commission, judges, personal references given by the candidate, criminal justice agencies, or other sources. A criminal justice agency, including the Central Repository, may release criminal history record information, including conviction and non-conviction data, to a Commission, on the request of the Commission chairman, for the purpose of evaluating a candidate.

(b) Not less than 10 Commission members shall be present at a voting session.

(c) The Commission shall select and nominate to the Governor the names of persons it finds to be legally and most fully professionally qualified. No person's name may be submitted unless the person has been found legally and most fully professionally qualified by a vote of a majority of the members present at a voting session, taken by secret ballot, and unless the person has been interviewed by the Commission or a panel thereof. The secret ballots shall be sealed and delivered to the Administrative Office of the Courts and may be opened only by demand of the Governor or by court order.

(4) The Commission shall report to the Governor, in writing, the names of the persons it nominates as legally and most fully professionally qualified to fill a vacancy. The names of persons shall be listed in alphabetical order. The report shall be submitted within 70 days after notification by the Commission's secretariat that a vacancy exists or is about to occur. The Commission shall release its report to the public concurrently with submission of the report to the Governor.

(5) Each Commission shall distribute informational and educational materials concerning judicial vacancies and the functions of the Commission, in order to inform the public of the Judicial selection process of the State.

F. Confidentiality. The name of an individual who submits a personal data questionnaire to a Commission may not be made public by the Commission until after the deadline for filing questionnaires. The Administrative Office of the