

district public defender FROM A DISTRICT REPRESENTED BY THAT BOARD, or upon the request of any three members of the board.

[(c)] (D) ~~The~~ [district advisory boards] EACH BOARD shall study and observe the operation of the district public defender ~~office~~ OFFICES, and shall advise the Public Defender and the district public ~~defender~~ DEFENDERS with respect to panels of attorneys, fees, and any other matters pertaining to the operation of ~~the~~ EACH district public defender office and the Public Defender system.

[(d)] (E) Members of [each district advisory board] ~~THE~~ EACH BOARD shall serve without compensation, except that they shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses, including travel, actually incurred in the performance of their duties.

#### **Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments**

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(a) There shall be a Department of Human Resources Advisory Council. The Council shall consist of no fewer than 15 and no more than 25 members who shall be appointed by the Secretary with the approval of the Governor. The Secretary shall appoint a chairperson. The members shall receive no compensation, but shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred through the performance of their official duties, as provided in the budget. Of the members initially appointed, the term of one-third shall be for 3 years, one-third shall be for 2 years, and the remainder shall be for 1 year. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for terms of 3 years. Each term may be renewed once. The Secretary may remove any member of the Council for failure to attend meetings of the Council regularly.

(b) Appointments shall include local elected officials, Maryland citizens who have an interest in the programs and policies of the Department of Human Resources, representatives of private charitable organizations, and representatives from local boards of social services.

(c) The function of the Department of Human Resources Advisory Council shall be to:

- (1) Advise and counsel the Secretary;
- (2) Provide recommendations on program scope, grant levels, and eligibility;
- (3) Provide recommendations on program plans;
- (4) Act as a forum for public input and communication;
- (5) Make recommendations on the budget of the Department; and
- (6) Implement procedures by which local boards are kept currently informed of human resources activities of the Council and other local boards.

(d) (1) The Council may create subcommittees reflecting the various programs and interests of the Department to consider such programs and issues relating to the Department as the Council deems appropriate.