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(A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, AN APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FROM AMONG THE CANDIDATES IN A RATING CATEGORY ON A LIST OF ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES AS FOLLOWS:

(1) IF THERE ARE AT LEAST FIVE CANDIDATES RATED BEST QUALIFIED, FROM THAT RATING CATEGORY;

(2) IF THERE ARE FEWER THAN FIVE CANDIDATES RATED BEST QUALIFIED, FROM THE CANDIDATES IN THE BEST QUALIFIED AND BETTER QUALIFIED CATEGORIES; AND

(3) IF THERE ARE FEWER THAN FIVE CANDIDATES RATED BEST QUALIFIED AND BETTER QUALIFIED, FROM CANDIDATES IN BEST QUALIFIED, BETTER QUALIFIED, AND QUALIFIED CATEGORIES.

(B) (1) IN MAKING A SELECTION, THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY MAY INTERVIEW ANY OF THE CANDIDATES IN THE RATING CATEGORY FROM WHICH THE SELECTION WILL BE MADE.

(2) ~~IF~~ WHEN INTERVIEWS ARE CONDUCTED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY MUST INTERVIEW AT LEAST THREE CANDIDATES.

(C) THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY MUST ~~APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE AND~~ CERTIFY TO THE SECRETARY THAT THE HIRING PROCESS WAS CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SELECTION PLAN AND THIS SUBTITLE.

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~~(A)~~ (A) ANY APPLICANT UNDER THIS TITLE WHO IS NOT SELECTED FOR A POSITION MAY APPEAL THE DECISION.

~~(B)~~ (B) AN APPEAL:

~~(1)~~ (1) MAY BE MADE ONLY ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE DECISION WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL OR ILLEGAL; AND

~~(2)~~ (2) MAY ONLY BE MADE TO THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY.

~~(C)~~ (C) THE DECISION OF THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY IS FINAL.

[Subtitle 3. Certification and Appointment.]

[4-301.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Division I, to fill a vacancy in any position in the classified service, the appointing authority shall request the Secretary to certify a list of eligible candidates for the position.

(b) (1) The appointing authority may request from the Secretary a selective certification of eligible candidates for a specific geographic area or with specific job-related qualifications.