

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments

18-313.

(A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE TO STUDY RETAIL ELECTRIC COMPETITION AND THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ELECTRIC UTILITY INDUSTRY.

(B) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING ~~18~~ 17 ~~20~~ MEMBERS:

(1) ~~TWO FIVE EIGHT~~ MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, OF WHICH AT LEAST ~~FOUR SEVEN~~ ARE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND;

(2) ~~TWO FIVE EIGHT~~ MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, OF WHICH AT LEAST ~~FOUR SEVEN~~ ARE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES;

(3) ~~THREE~~ MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, APPOINTED JOINTLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, ONE OF WHOM SHALL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN; AND

(4) ~~4~~ FIVE FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, AS FOLLOWS:

(I) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION;

(II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;

(III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT; AND

(IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNOR'S LEGISLATIVE STAFF; AND

(V) ONE INDEPENDENT MEMBER ONE MEMBER FROM THE PUBLIC WHO IS NOT REPRESENTED ON THE ADVISORY GROUP; AND

(4) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES SHALL SERVE AS EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.

(C) THE GOVERNOR, IN CONSULTATION JOINTLY WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, SHALL APPOINT THE CHAIRMAN.

(D) THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE ASSISTED IN DELIBERATIONS BY AN ADVISORY GROUP APPOINTED JOINTLY BY THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

(III) ~~TWO~~ (I) THREE MEMBERS REPRESENTING INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS;