

See § 11 of Ch. 3, Acts of 2007. The terms of the members serving on October 1, 2007, end as follows: (1) 4 in 2008; (2) 3 in 2009; and (3) 4 in 2010.

In subsection (f)(2) of this section, the requirement that a member who is “appointed after a term begins shall serve only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies” is substituted for the former reference to a vacancy that “shall be filled for the unexpired term by an appointment by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate” for consistency with similar provisions elsewhere in the revised articles of the Code.

Subsection (g) of this section is revised in standard language for clarity and consistency with similar provisions throughout the revised articles of the Code.

In subsection (h)(2) of this section, the reference to “blind adult residents of the State” is substituted for the former reference to “blind citizens of Maryland over eighteen years of age” for clarity and brevity.

In subsections (h)(3) and (i)(8) of this section, the references to the “Blind Industries and Services of Maryland” are substituted for the former references to “blind industries” for consistency throughout this section.

In subsection (h)(3) of this section, the phrase “to further its mission” is substituted for the former phrase “in furthering its usefulness” for clarity.

In subsection (h)(4) of this section, the former reference to the acquisition of suitable quarters in the State “by lease, purchase, or otherwise” is deleted as surplusage.

In subsection (i)(4) of this section, the former reference to the Board’s authority to acquire and hold property “in any manner whatsoever” is deleted as surplusage.

In subsection (i)(6) of this section, the former reference to “chang[ing]” a seal is deleted as included in the reference to “alter[ing]” a seal.

Also in subsection (i)(6) of this section, the former reference to a “common” seal is deleted as surplusage.

Also in subsection (i)(6) of this section, the former phrase “at any time” is deleted as surplusage.

In subsection (i)(8) of this section, the former phrase “its maintenance and regulation” is deleted as surplusage.

The Human Services Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that the powers and duties of Blind Industries and Services of Maryland were originally established in 1908 and have not been amended since 1987. The General Assembly may wish to review and substantively update the archaic language in this section.