

(2) EIGHT INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND; AND

(3) EIGHT INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

(B) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS.

(1) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED FROM AMONG APPLICANTS WHO HAVE BEEN NOMINATED AND RECOMMENDED FOR APPOINTMENT BY ORGANIZATIONS LOCATED IN THE STATE WHOSE INTERESTS RELATE TO THE STATUS OF WOMEN:

(I) FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

(II) FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND; AND

(III) FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

(2) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED FROM APPLICANTS APPLYING ON THEIR OWN BEHALF:

(I) FIVE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

(II) FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND; AND

(III) FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

(C) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.

TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE SHALL ENSURE GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY AMONG THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION.

(D) TENURE; VACANCIES.

(1) THE TERM OF A COMMISSIONER IS 4 YEARS.

(2) THE TERMS OF MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON OCTOBER 1, 2007.

(3) A COMMISSIONER MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

(4) AT THE END OF A TERM, A COMMISSIONER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.