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(a) The Board shall be composed of 15 individuals appointed by the Governor, who shall designate the chairman, including:

(1) 5 representatives of the hearing impaired;

(2) 4 representatives of telecommunications providers;

(3) 1 representative of the mobility impaired community who requires the use of specialized customer premises equipment;

(4) 1 representative of the speech-impaired community who requires the use of specialized customer premises equipment;

(5) 1 representative of the senior citizen community who requires the use of specialized customer premises equipment;

(6) 1 representative of the deaf-blind community; and

(7) 2 representatives of government.

(b) (1) The term of a member is 3 years.

(2) The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the Board on July 1, 1988.

(3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(4) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(5) THE GOVERNOR MAY REMOVE A MEMBER FOR INCOMPETENCE OR MISCONDUCT.

(c) The members of the Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

(d) By January 1 of each year, the Board shall file an annual report on its activities to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2-1312 of the State Government Article.

(E) THE BOARD SHALL ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES WITH REGARD TO THE PROGRAM'S:

(1) LEVEL OF ACCESS TO PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS; AND

(2) QUALITY OF SERVICE.

6-505.

(a) The Department of [Human Resources] GENERAL SERVICES in consultation with the Board shall: