

~~(b) (1) The term of office of each [such] member shall be [five] 5 years[, except that the members first appointed shall serve for terms of five years, four years and three years respectively].~~

~~(2) THE TERMS OF MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ON OCTOBER 1, 1992.~~

~~(3) Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be appointed for the remainder of the unexpired [terms] TERM.~~

~~(c) The [Secretary] EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, with the approval of the Governor, shall designate one member of the Board as chairman, to serve at the pleasure of the [Secretary] EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.~~

~~(d) The members of the Board shall devote [such] THE time [as is ] necessary to perform the duties imposed upon them. They shall receive an annual salary as may be provided in the annual budget.~~

4.

~~(A) The Board[, subject to the authority of the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services as set forth in Article 41 of this Code,] shall have the following powers and duties:~~

~~[(a)] (1) To establish and maintain an office and appoint a claims examiner, a secretary, clerks, and [such] other employees and agents as may be necessary, [such] THE employees to be subject to the provisions of Article 64A, titled Merit System, and prescribe their duties.~~

~~[(b)] (2) To adopt[, promulgate, amend and rescind suitable rules and] regulations to carry out the provisions and purposes of this article, including [rules] REGULATIONS for the approval of attorneys' fees for representation before the Board or before the court upon judicial review [as hereinafter provided].~~

~~[(c)] (3) To request from the State's Attorney, State Police, county or municipal police departments such investigation and data as will enable the Board to determine if, in fact, a crime was committed or attempted, and the extent, if any, to which the victim or claimant was responsible for [his] THE VICTIM'S OR CLAIMANT'S own injury.~~

~~[(d)] (4) To hear and determine all claims for awards filed with the Board pursuant to this article, and to reinvestigate or reopen cases as the Board deems necessary.~~

~~[(e)] (5) To direct medical examination of victims.~~

~~[(f)] (6) To hold hearings, administer oaths or affirmations, examine any person under oath or affirmation and to issue summons requiring the attendance and giving of testimony of witnesses and require the production of any books, papers, documentary or~~