

(3) AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET, EMPLOY AND SUPERVISE:

(I) A DEPUTY ~~DIRECTOR~~ ADMINISTRATOR; AND

(II) PURSUANT TO THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE, OTHER STAFF OF THE STATE BOARD;

(4) SUPERVISE THE OPERATIONS OF THE LOCAL BOARDS;

(5) PERFORM ALL DUTIES AND EXERCISE ALL POWERS THAT ARE ASSIGNED BY LAW TO THE ~~EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR~~ STATE ADMINISTRATOR OR DELEGATED BY THE STATE BOARD;

(6) BE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF FOUR MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD FOR INCOMPETENCE, MISCONDUCT, OR OTHER GOOD CAUSE; HOWEVER, PRIOR TO REMOVAL, THE STATE BOARD SHALL SET FORTH WRITTEN CHARGES STATING THE GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL AND AFFORD THE ~~EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR~~ STATE ADMINISTRATOR NOTICE AND AN AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD; AND

(7) BE THE CHIEF STATE ELECTION OFFICIAL ~~FOR PURPOSES OF THE NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT OF 1993 AND ANY OTHER FEDERAL LAW REQUIRING SUCH A DESIGNATION.~~

(C) OATH OF OFFICE REQUIRED.

BEFORE TAKING OFFICE, THE APPOINTEE TO THE OFFICE OF STATE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL TAKE THE OATH REQUIRED BY ARTICLE I, § 9 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION.

2-104. STATEWIDE BIENNIAL PREELECTION MEETING.

(A) GENERALLY.

IN THE YEAR PRECEDING EACH YEAR IN WHICH A PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION IS TO BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE STATE, THE STATE BOARD SHALL CONDUCT A MEETING FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL BOARDS.

(B) MANDATORY ATTENDANCE; EXCEPTIONS.

UNLESS EXCUSED BY THE ~~EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR~~ STATE ADMINISTRATOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD, THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE MEETING:

(1) THE MEMBERS, SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS, COUNSEL, AND ELECTION DIRECTOR OF EACH LOCAL BOARD; AND

(2) ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY THE STATE BOARD OR A LOCAL BOARD TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

(C) TIME; PLACE; PURPOSE.