

(2) THE GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION OF THE COMMISSION SHALL COVER THE ENTIRE STATE AND SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM:

- (I) THE UPPER EASTERN SHORE;
- (II) THE LOWER EASTERN SHORE;
- (III) CALVERT COUNTY, CHARLES COUNTY, OR ST. MARY'S COUNTY;
- (IV) ALLEGANY COUNTY OR GARRETT COUNTY; AND
- (V) CARROLL COUNTY, FREDERICK COUNTY, OR WASHINGTON COUNTY.

(3) WHEN APPOINTING COMMISSION MEMBERS, THE GOVERNOR SHALL CONSIDER GEOGRAPHIC AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION.

(4) THE MEMBERS APPOINTED SHALL REFLECT THE RACIAL AND GENDER DIVERSITY OF THE POPULATION OF THE STATE.

(B) QUALIFICATIONS.

THE APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST OR EXPERIENCE IN BUSINESS OR KNOWLEDGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

(C) APPLICABILITY OF MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW.

THE COMMISSION AND ITS MEMBERS ARE SUBJECT TO THE MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW.

(D) TENURE.

(1) THE TERM OF AN APPOINTED MEMBER IS 3 YEARS.

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

(3) A MEMBER APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES ONLY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

(4) THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON OCTOBER 1, 2008.

(5) A MEMBER MAY BE REMOVED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH OR WITHOUT CAUSE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 83A, § 1-203(a)(1) through (5), (b), and (d).

In subsection (a)(2)(iii) of this section, the former reference to "[t]he tri-county area of Southern Maryland" is deleted in light of the specific designation of Charles County, Calvert County, or St. Mary's County.

In subsection (a)(4) of this section, the reference to members "reflect[ing]"