

STATE BY THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND WHO HAS ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS BEFORE APPOINTMENT.

(4) THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SHALL RECEIVE THE SAME SALARY AS A JUDGE OF A CIRCUIT COURT.

(5) THE PUBLIC DEFENDER MAY NOT ENGAGE IN THE PRIVATE PRACTICE OF LAW.

(B) DEPUTY AND DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDERS.

(1) WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SHALL APPOINT:

(I) A DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER; AND

(II) ONE DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR EACH DISTRICT OF THE DISTRICT COURT.

(2) THE DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER AND EACH DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER SHALL HAVE THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS AS THE PUBLIC DEFENDER.

(3) A DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER SHALL:

(I) ASSIST THE PUBLIC DEFENDER TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE; AND

(II) SUBJECT TO THE SUPERVISION OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, BE IN CHARGE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICES IN THE DISTRICT FOR WHICH THE DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER IS APPOINTED.

(C) APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDERS.

(1) WITH THE ADVICE OF THE DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDERS, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER MAY APPOINT ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

(2) TO QUALIFY FOR APPOINTMENT AS AN ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE AN ATTORNEY AND ADMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW IN THE STATE BY THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND.