

(2) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT:

(I) WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, THREE MEMBERS, AT LEAST ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE PRINCIPAL POLITICAL PARTY OF WHICH THE GOVERNOR IS NOT A MEMBER;

(II) ONE MEMBER NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND

(III) ONE MEMBER NOMINATED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

(3) THE GOVERNOR MAY REJECT A NOMINEE OF THE PRESIDENT OR OF THE SPEAKER ONLY FOR CAUSE.

(4) IF THE GOVERNOR REJECTS A NOMINEE UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE APPROPRIATE PRESIDING OFFICER SHALL NOMINATE ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL.

(5) A VACANCY SHALL BE FILLED IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THIS SUBSECTION.

(B) QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS.

A MEMBER OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION MAY NOT:

(1) HOLD ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICE IN, BE AN EMPLOYEE OF, OR BE A CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE IN:

(I) THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT;

(II) THIS STATE'S GOVERNMENT;

(III) A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, COUNTY, OR MULTICOUNTY AGENCY OF THE STATE; OR

(IV) A POLITICAL PARTY; OR

(2) BE A REGULATED LOBBYIST.

(C) OATH.

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

(D) TENURE; VACANCIES.

(1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 5 YEARS.

(2) THE TERMS OF MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS IN EFFECT FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON OCTOBER 1, 1995.

(3) A MEMBER MAY SERVE NO MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE 5-YEAR TERMS.