

prescribe by law the qualifications of persons appointed by the governor to serve as heads of principal departments or as members of boards and commissions serving as heads of principal departments.

Section 4.30. Terms of Office.

Each person serving as the head of a principal department, and each chief administrative officer of a board or commission serving as the head of a principal department, except the head or chief administrative officer of an institution of higher education or of the state public school system, shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. The terms of office of the members of each board or commission which serves as the head of a principal department, except the governing board of an institution of higher education or of the state public school system, shall be prescribed by the General Assembly by law or by the process of executive reorganization, so that the governor, immediately upon taking office following his election, may appoint at least one-half of the members of each board and commission.

Section 4.31. Appointment and Removal of Other Persons.

All persons in the executive branch whose method of appointment or whose method of removal is not specified in this Constitution shall be appointed or may be removed as the General Assembly may prescribe by law.

Section 4.32. Interim and Recess Appointments.

If a vacancy occurs in any office which the governor may fill with the advice and consent of the Senate, he shall appoint a person to the office. If the appointment is made within the first sixty days of a regular session of the General Assembly, the governor shall submit to the Senate the nomination of the appointee, or the nomination of another person in his place. If the appointment is made at any other time, the governor shall submit the nomination to the Senate at the beginning of the next regular session of the General Assembly. Such an appointee shall remain in office until the end of the next regular session of the General Assembly, or