

An. Code, 1924, sec. 21. 1929, ch. 574, sec. 21.

21. The Legislature shall have the right to change from time to time the royalty per ton of minerals or rare earths, and such change shall apply to all persons, firms, associations or corporations holding permits or leases hereunder. Nothing in this sub-title shall be held to invalidate or curtail in any way the rights of riparian owners as set forth in Section 556 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, or any other Act or Acts protecting the rights of riparian owners, or apply to the taking of sand or gravel.

Water Front Commission.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 22. 1929, ch. 322, sec. 1.

22. A commission to be known as Maryland Water Front Commission is hereby created.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 23. 1929, ch. 322, sec. 2.

23. The said Commission shall consist of five members, no more than three belonging to the same political party, one member of said Commission shall reside in Baltimore City, one member on the Western Shore of Maryland, one in that district known as Southern Maryland, one on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and one person representing the State Roads Commission without restriction as to residence. The members of said Commission shall be appointed by the Governor, one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, one for a term of three years and two for the term of four years, and their successors shall be appointed for a term of six years or until their successors are duly qualified. The term shall begin July 1, 1929. The members first appointed shall be appointed on or before July 1, 1929. The members of said Commission shall serve without salary. Any member of said Commission may be removed from office by the Governor for cause, but a reasonable opportunity shall be given the member of the Commission to make his defense before such removal. The Governor shall have the power to fill any vacancy occurring on the Commission for the unexpired term.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 24. 1929, ch. 322, sec. 3.

24. On or before the 15th day of July, 1929, the said Commission hereby created shall organize by electing one of its members chairman and a secretary who may or may not be a member of the Commission, both of whom shall hold office for a period of one year or until their successors are elected, unless their membership in said Commission sooner expires.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 25. 1929, ch. 322, sec. 4.

25. The duties of said Commission shall be as follows:

(a) To examine, investigate, and recommend to the Legislature plans and policies for the protection of the waterfront and waterways of the State against erosion by the action of the elements or other causes and for improvement of said waterfront and waterways.

(b) To co-operate in carrying into effect such plans or recommendations for the improvement or development of waterfront property and waterways within the State as may be adopted by the Legislature.

(c) To represent the State of Maryland in convention or conference of associations or bodies formed for the purpose of discussion of such prob-