

dams and water-way obstructions in any of the waters of the State; to create the Water Resources Commission; to employ such persons, engineering, clerical or otherwise, as may be required, in the performance of its duties and in the exercise of its powers; to devise and develop a general water resources conservation program for the State; to provide for hearings upon applications for permits and to grant permits to appropriate and use the waters of the State or to construct, reconstruct or repair reservoirs, dams and water-way obstructions; to investigate or examine any existing reservoir, dam or water-way obstruction; to make such rules and regulations and issue orders proper for enforcing the purposes of this Act; to provide for appeals from any determination of the Commission, and for penalties for violating its orders and the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in order to conserve, protect and utilize the water resources of the State, in accordance with the best interests of the people of Maryland, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to control, so far as practicable, the appropriation or use of surface and underground waters of the State. It is also declared to be the policy of the State for the purpose of promoting the public safety and welfare, to control and supervise so far as is practicable, the construction, reconstruction and repair of dams, reservoirs and all other water-works in any of the waters of the State.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Water Resources Commission is hereby created. The Commission shall consist of the Chief Sanitary Engineer of the State Department of Health of Maryland, the Chairman of the Public Service Commission of Maryland, the State Geologist, and two other members to be appointed by the Governor. The two members appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of four years, except that one of the two first appointed shall serve for two years, and his successor for four years, so that the term of one of the two appointed by the Governor shall expire biennially. The terms of those first appointed by the Governor shall begin on the first day of June, 1933. In case of a vacancy, the Governor shall make an appointment for the unexpired term. All members shall serve without compensation, but they shall be allowed any reasonable expen-