

ses incurred in the performance of their duties under this Act. The Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Commission. The Commission shall maintain offices which may be located in any other offices of existing departments of the State. Three members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum, and no action shall be taken or refused unless by the concurring vote of not less than three members. The Commission shall keep permanent and complete records of its proceedings, meetings, hearings, orders and decisions. The Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to employ such persons as may be necessary in the performance of its duties and in the exercise of its powers, engineering, clerical or otherwise, and pay the compensation and incur the necessary expenses, within the limits of appropriations in the Budget Bill.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the Water Resources Commission shall devise and develop a general water resources conservation program for the State. This program shall contemplate the proper conservation, allocation and development of all of the waters, surface and underground, of the State for the best interests of all of the people of Maryland, and shall guide the Commission in the issuance of water, water power, dam, reservoir and other permits, as hereinafter provided. The Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to make, or cause to be made, all such surveys, maps, investigations and studies of the water resources of the State as it may deem necessary to provide it with sufficient information to formulate a program, and to perform its duties under this Act. All other departments, boards, officials and agencies of the State of Maryland are hereby directed to co-operate with and assist the Water Resources Commission in the performance of its duties and the exercise of its powers.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That from and after January 1, 1934, it shall be unlawful for the State or any agency thereof, any person or persons, partnership, association, private or public corporation, county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the State, to appropriate or use any waters of the State, surface or underground, without the consent or permit of the Water Resources Commission, in writing, previously obtained, upon written application therefor to the Commission. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to apply to the