

of the charges against him and shall fix a time when he can be heard in his own defense, either in person, or by counsel, which shall not be less than ten days thereafter, and such hearing shall be open to the public. The principal office of the Commission shall be in the City of Baltimore, but branch offices may be established at other places in the State for the purposes of administering this Article.

2. The Governor shall designate one member of the Commission as the Chairman thereof, and he shall be the administrative and executive head of the Commission and shall have the final authority in all matters relating to the assignment of cases for trial, the management of the State Accident Fund and the administrative work of the Commission and its employees, except in the promulgation of rules and regulations wherein the Commission shall act as a body, and in the trial and determination of cases, as hereinafter provided. The other three members are hereby vested with authority to hear and determine any hearing, trial, inquiry or investigation which the Commission is authorized to hold or undertake; and any one of such other three members can preside alone at any such hearing, trial, inquiry and investigation, and every order and determination made by any one member shall be deemed to be the order or determination of the Commission. The Chairman shall only sit in the trial of cases when, in his judgment, it is necessary to expedite the trial work of the Commission.

5. The present employees of the Commission shall continue to serve in their present positions and shall retain all of their rights under Article 64A of the Annotated Code, title "Merit System". The Chairman of the Commission shall have the power to make any future appointments as are provided for in the Budget, which appointments must be made in accordance with the provisions of said Article 64A. The secretary and other assistants that may be employed shall be entitled to receive their actual necessary expenses while traveling on the business of the Commission. Such expenses shall be itemized and sworn to by the person who incurred the expense, and allowed by the Chairman of the Commission. The Chairman of the Commission shall keep and maintain its main office and such branch offices as he shall deem proper and necessary for the administration of this Article, and shall provide suitable rooms, necessary office furniture, supplies, books, periodicals and maps for the same. All necessary expenses shall be audited and paid out of the appropriation in the State Treasury provided for in this Article. The Commission shall provide itself with a seal for the authentication of its orders, awards and proceedings, upon which shall be inscribed the