

its members as chairman, and one of its members as vice-chairman. Such officers shall hold office for a period of one year. Three members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

3A. The Game and Inland Fish Commission of Maryland shall appoint, in accordance with the provisions of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, a Game Warden for the State, who shall receive such salary as shall be provided in the budget, and he shall be entitled to traveling expenses, and all other expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties; provided, however, that the present State Game Warden shall be the first Game Warden of this State under the provisions of this section, and provided further, that the present Game Warden, all officers and employees of the Game Division of the Conservation Department of Maryland, and all employees of the Conservation Commission employed in the game or fresh water fisheries, shall be and remain under the Merit System and no employee shall have his or her status under the Merit System altered by reason of his or her transfer to the Commission of Game and Inland Fish.

No member of the Commission, nor any one who has served as a member thereof within one year prior to the occurrence of a vacancy, shall be eligible for selection as Game Warden. The Game Warden shall have charge of, direct, supervise and control all deputy game wardens and employees of the Commission.

The Game Warden shall have authority to have printed the Annual Report of the Commission, and such bulletins, literature, posters, licenses and other printing as may be necessary to the work of the Commission, including the publication now known as the "Maryland Conservationist."

It shall be the duty of the Commissioners, the Game Warden and Deputy Game Wardens to prosecute all persons and corporations having in their possession any game or inland fish contrary to the laws of this State. It shall be their duty to see that the game and fish laws are enforced, and they are particularly directed to enforce the muskrat laws.

4. Having a due regard for the distribution, abundance, economic value and breeding habits of wild birds, wild animals, and fish in inland waters, the Commission is hereby vested with the necessary power and authority to determine when, to what extent, if at all, and by what means it is desirable to restrict or prohibit in any degree the provisions of law obtaining in any county in this State for the hunting, taking, capture, killing, possession, sale, purchase, shipment, transportation, carriage or export of any wild bird, wild animals,