

title "State Roads", providing for the appointment by the State Roads Commission of one or more Assistant Secretaries, who shall so serve without additional compensation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 1 of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "State Roads", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

1. The State Roads Commission shall consist of three members to be appointed by, and to hold office during the pleasure of, the Governor, one of whom he shall designate as Chairman of the Commission. One of said members shall be a resident of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, one a resident of the counties of the Western Shore of Maryland and one a resident of Baltimore City or a person who at the time of his appointment has, and for a period of at least two years immediately prior thereto has continuously had, his principal place of business, employment or professional activity in Baltimore City. At least one member of said Commission shall bona fide belong to or be affiliated with that one of the two leading political parties in the State opposite to the party to which the Governor belongs. The Governor shall have the power, in his discretion, to remove any member of said Commission at any time, and to appoint another qualified person in his stead, and to fill any vacancy caused by death, resignation, incapacity, removal or other cause. The members of said Commission shall take the oath prescribed by Article 1, Section 6 of the State Constitution and shall receive such compensation as may be provided for in the Budget. A majority of the members of said Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Chairman shall preside over its meetings and perform such other duties as may be imposed upon him by law or as may be assigned to him by the said Commission.

The members of said Commission shall elect a Secretary, not a member of the Commission, who shall receive such compensation as the Commission may determine and as may be provided in the budget. He shall make and carefully preserve full and accurate minutes of all meetings and records of all proceedings and enter same in the journal of the Commission. The Secretary shall make true copies of all notices directed by the Commission to be published and the certificates of publication thereof, and shall perform such other duties as may be imposed upon him by law or as may be assigned to him by the Commission.

*The members of the said Commission may also appoint from among the employees of the Commission one or more Assistant Secretaries who shall receive no additional compensation by virtue of such appointment. Any Assistant Secretary so appointed, in the event of the absence or disability of the Secretary or whenever so instructed by the Chairman of the Commission, shall have all the powers granted to and all the duties imposed upon the Secretary by any provision of this Article 89B; and any act directed to be performed by an Assistant Secretary.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved April 11, 1955.