

BE CHAIRMAN AND FOUR SHALL BE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONERS, ALL OF WHOM SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE. THE INITIAL APPOINTMENTS SHALL DATE FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1958, AND BE FOR PERIODS OF EIGHT, NINE, TEN, ELEVEN AND TWELVE YEARS RESPECTIVELY, OR UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AND HAVE QUALIFIED. AS EACH SUCH TERM EXPIRES, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A PERSON TO FULL TERM OF TWELVE YEARS, OR UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR SHALL HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AND SHALL HAVE QUALIFIED. A PERSON MAY BE APPOINTED TO SUCCESSIVE OR ADDITIONAL TERMS. VACANCIES SHALL BE FILLED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

*(c) The chairman and each associate commissioner shall be citizens and qualified voters of the State of Maryland, must have resided therein for not less than five years immediately preceding appointment, and must continue to reside within the state during their respective terms on the Commission. They shall each be not less than thirty years of age and under seventy years of age at the time of their appointments, and be selected from those who have been admitted to the practice of law in this state, and be distinguished for integrity, wisdom and sound legal knowledge.*

*(d) During the time of his membership on the Commission, no commissioner shall engage in the practice of law, nor shall he hold any other civil office, or political trust, or employment of any kind under the constitution or laws of this state or of the United States, or any of them; nor shall he receive fees or perquisites of any kind for the discharge of his official duties, other than the compensation and expense allowance provided for in Section 3 of this Article. Each Commissioner shall devote his entire time to the duties of his office, and shall not hold any other position or occupation or engage in any other business interfering with his giving full attention to the work of his office, or inconsistent with the duties and responsibilities of a commissioner.*

*(e) Any commissioner in office at the time he becomes seventy years of age shall retire forthwith, or on the first day of the next succeeding month, as he may elect, and his office shall be vacant as of such date.*

*(f) The Governor may at any time remove any commissioner from office for inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. Before such removal he shall give the commissioner a copy 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. Such hearing shall be open to the public.*

*(g) 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 purpose of administering the provisions of this Article.*

2. Chairman; authority of chairman and other members; single member may hold hearings.