

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 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 herein-after provided. The [other four] 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 one member shall be deemed to be the order or determination of the Commission. The chairman shall ~~only sit on the trial of cases when, in his judgment, it is necessary to expedite the trial work of the Commission.~~ EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT IT IS NECESSARY FOR SAID CHAIRMAN TO DEVOTE TIME TO THE ADEQUATE AND EFFICIENT PERFORMANCE OF HIS ADMINISTRATIVE AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS.

3. The chairman of the ~~State Industrial Accident~~ WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION Commission of Maryland shall receive a salary of [Six Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500)] *Fourteen Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$14,500)* per annum and each of the other members shall receive a salary of [Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000)] *Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000)* per annum.

In addition to the salary provided in this section each Commissioner shall be allowed his actual and necessary traveling and incidental expenses.

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 words "[State Industrial Accident] *Workmen's Compensation* Commission, State of Maryland—Official Seal."

Each member of the Commission and each person appointed to office or employment by the Commission shall, before entering upon the duties of his office or employment take and subscribe the constitutional oath of office.