for a term of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. Members to fill vacancies shall be appointed by the Governor for the unexpired term.

The Real Estate Commission of Maryland is created. It has seven members, one of whom and the chairman of the Commission shall be the chief of the License Bureau of the State of Maryland and five of whom are residents respectively of (1) one of the nine counties (Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset) of the Eastern Shore; (2) one of the four counties (Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Howard) of Central Maryland; (3) Baltimore City; (4) one of the five counties (Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's) of Southern Maryland, and (5) one of five counties (Montgomery, Frederick, Washington, Allegany, Garrett) of Western Maryland. One other member shall be appointed from the State of Maryland, at large.

- (b) In each instance, members of the Commission, except the chief of the License Bureau, shall have been citizens and residents of the particular area for which appointed, respectively, for not less than the five years next preceding their appointment to the Commission; and, at the time of appointment, and for a period of not less than the ten years next preceding appointment, each member, except the chief of the License Bureau, shall be and shall have been licensed under this sub-title either as a real estate broker or as a real estate salesman.
- (c) Appointments to the Commission shall be made by the Governor: WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE. The term of office for each appointee is four years, beginning as of June 1 in the year in which appointed. However, of those appointed in the year 1961, the six appointed members of the Commission shall be designated respectively for terms of one, two, and two for three and two for four years. Thereafter as terms expire, all appointments shall be for four years. Every appointment is for the period indicated, or until a successor is appointed and qualifies. Vacancies for any cause shall be filled by the Governors for the unexpired term, and each such appointee shall possess the qualifications required of members of the Commission from the particular area for which the vacancy occurred.
- SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Real Estate Commission of Maryland as constituted immediately prior to June 1, 1961, is abolished and the Real Estate Commission of Maryland as constituted in this Act shall take its place in all respects except as herein specifically otherwise provided. Members of the former Real Estate Commission who are in office immediately prior to June 1, 1961, and whose terms would not otherwise expire on said date, shall be appointed hereunder and shall continue their memberships following June 1, 1961, in the Real Estate Commission herein constituted for the respective periods of service remaining under their previous appointments and as representatives, respectively, of the geographical areas of their residences. Initial appointments by the Governor under this Act shall be made so that any such holdover members and the new appointees, in the aggregate, shall conform to the requirements of this Act as to number and residence.