

cause operating such vacancy, either actually or in effect, shall be filled by the Mayor in the manner and subject to all the conditions as to minority representation and removal hereinbefore provided for as to original appointees to said Commission. The members of said Commission other than the Mayor shall receive compensation for their services at the rate of three thousand five hundred dollars per annum, except the chairman thereof, who shall receive compensation at the rate of four thousand dollars per annum. A majority of the members of said Commission shall be a lawful quorum for the transaction of business. So soon as the appointive members of said Commission shall have qualified they shall, with the Mayor acting as a member of said Commission *ex-officio*, organize by the election of one of the members of said Commission as chairman of said Commission, who shall be removable at pleasure by said Commission, and shall preside over the meetings of said Commission and perform such other duties as are imposed on him by this Act or may be assigned to him by said Commission; and by the election of a secretary, not a member of said Commission, who shall be removable at pleasure by said Commission, shall receive such compensation as it may determine, not exceeding the sum of two thousand dollars per annum, and shall enter in a well-bound book or books and carefully preserve neat, legible and accurate minutes of all meetings and record of all proceedings of said Commission, and make true copies of all notices by said Commission directed to be published, and of the certificates of the publication thereof, and perform such other duties as usually appertain to the office of secretary of a private corporation, or as are imposed on him by this Act, or as may be assigned to him by said Commission all records; records of said Commission shall be public records, and it shall semi-annually make to the Mayor a detailed report of its official transactions and of all its expenditures. And said Commission may employ an engineer, city surveyor and such agents, assistants, clerks, employees and laborers, skilled and unskilled, as it may deem requisite for the performance of the duties and the execution of the powers imposed and conferred on it by this Act, and shall fix their respective compensations, and shall have power to remove or discharge them at its pleasure. The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall provide proper offices for said Commission. Said commission shall include in its expenditures and certify to the proper city authority or authorities any amounts due to such conveyances and assistants as the City Solicitor may employ, in addition to the ordinary force of his office, for the pur-

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