

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Article 81, title "Taxation," of the Code of Public General Laws as set out in the Code of 1912, be and the same is hereby amended by adding twelve Sections to immediately follow Section 232, and to be known as Sections 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243 and 244, and to be as follows:*

SEC. 233. There is hereby created a Commission to be designated as State Tax Commission of Maryland composed of three persons who shall be resident taxpayers of the State and qualified voters thereof, and not more than two of whom shall be of the same political party. One of said Commissioners shall be a resident of the City of Baltimore, one a resident of the Counties of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and the other a resident of the Counties of the Western Shore of Maryland. The term of each of the three members shall be six years and until his successor qualifies and shall commence on the first Monday of June next ensuing his appointment; except that one of the Commissioners named in this Act shall serve for two years, one for four years, and one for six years, and if for any reason the term of six years shall be held unconstitutional then the term of each shall be two years. The present Commission created by this Act shall be Oscar Leser, who shall serve for two years, Lewin W. Wickes, who shall serve for four years, and Arthur P. Gorman, Jr., who shall serve for six years and who shall be Chairman of said Commission during his term, after which time the chairman of said Commission shall be designated by the Governor of the State, and all subsequent appointments shall be so made that not more than two Commissioners shall at any time be of the same political party. Each Commissioner shall receive a salary of Three Thousand dollars (\$3,000) per annum, payable, out of the State Treasury by the State of Maryland. The Chairman of said Commission shall also receive the sum of Three Thousand Dollars per annum which shall be paid out of its funds by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, to said Chairman of said Commission, as an employee of said municipal corporation; and each of the other two Commissioners shall receive in addition to said Three Thousand Dollars per annum aforesaid the sum of Two Thousand Dollars per annum which shall be paid out of its funds by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to each of said other two Commissioners as employees of said municipal corporation; and before entering upon office he shall take the oath prescribed by the Constitution. In case of any vacancy the