

by it, the Director or any officer or employee of the Commission designated by it, shall have the power to hold investigations, inquiries and hearings concerning matters covered by the provisions of this Article and the rules, regulations and orders of the Commission, and concerning accidents in aeronautics within this State. Hearings shall be open to the public and, except as provided in Section 32, shall be held upon such call or notice as the Commission shall deem advisable. Each member of the Commission designated by it, the Director and every officer or employee of the Commission designated by it, to hold any inquiry, investigation or hearing shall have the power to administer oaths and affirmations, certify to all official acts, issue subpoenas, and order the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of papers, books and documents. In cases of the failure of any person to comply with any subpoena or order issued under the authority of this section, the Commission or its authorized representative may invoke the aid of any court of this State of general jurisdiction. The court may thereupon order such person to comply with the requirements of the subpoena or order or to give evidence touching the matter in question. Failure to obey the order of the court may be punished by the court as a contempt thereof.

(b) (Limitations on Reports of Investigations.) No member of the Commission, or the Director, or any officer or employee of the Commission shall be required to testify to any facts ascertained in, or information gained by reason of, his official capacity, or be required to testify as an expert witness in any suit, action or proceeding involving any aircraft.

28. (Federal-State Joint Hearings, Reciprocal Services, Accident Reporting.)

(a) (Joint Hearings.) The Commission is authorized to confer with or to hold joint hearings with any agency of the United States in connection with any matter arising under this Article, or relating to the sound development of aeronautics.

(b) (Reciprocal Services.) The Commission is authorized to avail itself of the cooperation, services, records and facilities of the agencies of the United States as fully as may be practicable in the administration and enforcement of this Article. The Commission shall furnish to the agencies of the United States its cooperation, services, records and facilities, in so far as may be practicable.

(c) (Accident Reporting.) The Commission shall report to the appropriate agency of the United States all accidents in