

from the departments, agencies or local governments concerned. The Director may, also, from time to time, contract for professional or consultant services in connection with the work of the Planning Department.

6. *State Planning Commission; membership; subcommittees*

(a) *There shall be a State Planning Commission within the Department of State Planning, to advise and assist the Director of Planning in the performance of his duties. The State Planning Commission shall consist of ~~seven~~ NINE members, SEVEN OF WHOM SHALL BE appointed by the Governor, of whom none shall be persons holding a salaried state office, selected, as far as possible, to reflect different broad geographic, economic and social interests in the State. They shall serve for four-year terms, beginning as of June 1 in the year in which appointed, and until their successors are appointed, except that of the members originally appointed four shall be appointed for a two-year term and the remainder for a four-year term. The Governor shall fill by appointment any vacancy for the unexpired balance of a member's term. TWO MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE EX OFFICIO MEMBERS, ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF MARYLAND TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE SPEAKER THEREOF, AND THE OTHER OF WHOM SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDENT THEREOF. All members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The Governor shall appoint a chairman of the Commission. The State Planning Commission shall meet as often as necessary but at least twice each year, either on the call of the Governor, or on the call of the chairman. The chairman shall call a meeting of the Commission whenever requested to do so by the Director of State Planning or by any three members of the Commission. The Director of State Planning or a staff member of the Department of State Planning designated by the Director shall serve as secretary to the Commission.*

(b) *The State Planning Commission may from time to time establish subcommittees and may delegate such of its functions to subcommittees as it may deem appropriate. The chairman of the Planning Commission may appoint to membership of the subcommittees non-members of the Commission specially qualified in matters to be considered by such subcommittees. Unless authorized by a majority vote of the State Planning Commission, the number of such special subcommittee members serving on any one subcommittee shall be less than the number of members of the State Planning Commission serving on such subcommittee. All members of a subcommittee shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.*

7. *State Planning Commission; responsibilities and duties*

(a) *The State Planning Commission shall have the following responsibilities and duties:*

(b) *To consider the state development plan or any part thereof prior to its submission to the Governor, and to advise the Director of State Planning in regard thereto;*