

manner: two from management in the building and construction industry; two from labor in said industry; all appointed by the Governor, *with the advice of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation* and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from among persons recommended by organizations in the respective groups; and two representatives of the general public appointed by the Governor, *with the advice of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation* and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Council to advise the Commissioner with respect to the carrying out of his functions under this subtitle and to submit to the Commissioner recommendations with respect thereto. The Council shall meet at least twice each year and at other times the Commissioner requests. On or before the first day of January each year, the Commissioner shall submit to the Governor and to the *Secretary of Licensing and Regulation* an annual report covering his activities under this subtitle for the preceding calendar year, including each recommendation which he has received from the Council during the preceding calendar year and including full information as to the operation of the subtitle and other information and data he deems desirable in connection with prevailing hourly wage rates.

(c) The Commissioner may call upon other agencies of the State and local governments for statistical data, reports, and other information which will assist the Council in the performance of its duties.

(d) Appointed members of the Council shall serve terms of three years except as hereinafter provided and shall be eligible for reappointment. Of the members first appointed, the two selected from the general public shall serve terms of two years each; one management member and one labor member shall serve a term of one year each; and the other two shall serve a term of three years each. Any vacancies occurring in any term shall be filled by the Governor's appointment *with the advice of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation* for the remainder of the term. The members shall be compensated on a per diem basis as set forth in the annual State budget from time to time, and they shall be allowed reasonable expenses for travel.

SEC. 30. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all persons who are, as of June 30, 1970, members, officers and employees of all departments, offices, boards, commissions and agencies included within the Department of Licensing and Regulation are hereby confirmed in the office, position and classification which they hold as of June 30, 1970, as members, officers and employees of such departments, offices, boards, commissions and agencies, except as otherwise provided in this Act or until they retire, resign or are removed as provided by law, or until the terms to which they were appointed expire.*

MARYLAND, THAT ALL PERSONS WHO ARE, AS OF JUNE 30, 1970, CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AGENCIES WHICH CONSTITUTE PARTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION SHALL RETAIN THEIR MERIT SYSTEM STATUS, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED IN THIS ACT.