

(4) A MEMBER MAY NOT BE APPOINTED TO MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

(E) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION.

(F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE COMMISSION.

(G) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT THE TIMES AND PLACES THAT THE CHAIRMAN DETERMINES.

(2) A MAJORITY OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

(3) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION:

(I) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION; BUT

(II) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(H) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

(1) ADVISE STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND RELATED COMMUNITY ISSUES;

(2) REVIEW AND ANALYZE THE IMPACT OF CURRENT STATE LAWS AND POLICIES ON THE ISSUE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES;

(3) ASSESS THE ADEQUACY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAWS TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES;

(4) COORDINATE WITH THE CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND PROTECTION ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES;

(5) DEVELOP CRITERIA TO ASSESS WHETHER COMMUNITIES IN THE STATE MAY BE EXPERIENCING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUES; AND

(6) RECOMMEND OPTIONS TO THE GOVERNOR FOR ADDRESSING ISSUES, CONCERNS, OR PROBLEMS RELATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE THAT SURFACE AFTER REVIEWING STATE LAWS AND POLICIES, INCLUDING PRIORITIZING AREAS OF THE STATE THAT NEED IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

(I) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

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