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The State War Ballot Commission was created by the special session of the General Assembly held July 27, 1950, at which time the State's wartime Absentee Voting Law was re-enacted. The Commission is composed of the Governor, the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the presiding officer of each House of the General Assembly, the Minority Leader of each House of the General Assembly, ex officio, and two persons, who are not members of the same political party, appointed by the Governor. The Commission administers the Absentee Voting Law. To carry out its provisions, the Commission may make necessary regulations and provide assistance to the local election boards as required (Code 1951, Art. 33, sec. 154).

MARYLAND PORT AUTHORITY

Commissioners

Chairman: Robert W. Williams, City of Baltimore, 1958

Vice Chairman: D. Luke Hopkins, Baltimore County, 1959

R. Paul Smith, Western Maryland, 1960; Avery W. Hall, Eastern Shore, 1961; Edward S. Corcoran, Anne Arundel County, 1962.

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The Maryland Port Authority, a semi-autonomous State agency, was established in 1956 by act of the Legislature codified as Article 62B of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

The Authority consists of five commissioners appointed by the Governor for five-year terms, one term expiring each year. Three of the five members must at all times be residents of Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, and Baltimore County, respectively. Of the other two, one must be a resident of the Western Shore of Maryland outside of Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, and Baltimore County, and one must be a resident of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The Governor designates one of the members to act as Chairman, and the members of the Authority annually elect one of its members as Vice-Chairman.

The Commissioners appoint the Executive Director, who exercises such administrative powers as they delegate.

In creating the Maryland Port Authority, the primary objective of the General Assembly was to improve the facilities and strengthen the workings of the private operator. If private facilities are inadequate, however, or inadequately operated at any time, the Authority may construct, and if necessary, operate supplementary public facilities.

The Authority endeavors to promote and increase commerce within its territorial jurisdiction through public relations programs, publication of literature, purchase of advertising, solicitation of business by correspondence and traveling representatives, and participation in, and cooperation with, civic, technical, professional, and business organizations and associations. To this end, the Authority currently maintains field offices in Pittsburgh, Chicago, and New York.