

for six year terms. The Governor designates the Chairman and the Vice Chairman.

The Corporation has the power to lend money or to guarantee loans made by approved lenders to residents of the State who are attending or are planning to attend colleges or vocational, trade and technical schools within or without the State. The Corporation may accept gifts, bequests and governmental appropriations or grants for its purposes. The Corporation is also empowered to establish rules and regulations for the granting, administration, and repayment of student loans.

Program changes enacted by the 1966 and the 1967 sessions of the General Assembly enable the Corporation to enter into agreements with the U. S. Office of Education under which the Federal government will provide repayable advance funds to be added to the student loan reserve and makes Maryland residents eligible to receive a Federal subsidy for part of the interest on their loans (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 43A).

Staff: 8.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

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Vice Chairman: James Fletcher, Jr., 1977

Mrs. Lane K. Berk, 1977; Rev. Daniel Green, 1977; Larry B. Motter, 1977; Alvin L. Blank, 1979; Leonard Jackson, Sr., 1979; Lester Wallace, 1979; Mrs. Muriel Weidenfeld, 1979; Stephen J. Britz, 1981; Linda Golden, 1981; Rev. Ernest A. Lyte, 1981.

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The Commission on Human Relations was originally created by Chapter 559, Acts of 1927, which established a permanent "Interracial Commission" to consider matters concerning the "welfare of colored people residing in the State . . . , recommend legislation and sponsor movements looking

to the welfare of said people, and to the improvement of interracial relations and to cooperate with other State agencies to these ends." Subsequent legislation enacted by Chapter 280, Acts of 1933, by Chapter 431, Acts of 1943, and by Chapter 548, Acts of 1951, changed the name and the composition of the Commission. It adopted its present name and expanded its membership by Chapter 83, Acts of 1968.

The Commission consists of twelve members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for six-year terms. The Governor designates the Chairman of the Commission and appoints the Executive Director, the Deputy Director, and the General Counsel. One Commission member must represent Caroline, Cecil, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's or Talbot counties; one member must represent Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Howard, Montgomery or Washington counties; one member must be from Montgomery County; two members must be from Baltimore County; one member must represent Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles or St. Mary's counties; and two members must represent Prince George's County.

The Commission has the authority and power to make such surveys and studies concerning human relations, conditions and problems, as it may determine and to promote in every way possible the betterment of human relations. It is authorized to eliminate discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religious creed, sex, marital status, physical handicap, mental handicap, or age. The Commission is further directed to promote in every way possible the betterment of interracial relations, submit legislative and administrative recommendations to the Governor in the field of human relations and to oversee compliance with the Code of Fair Practices as promulgated by the Governor.

The Commission is empowered to administer and enforce the Maryland Public Accommodations Law, Discrimination in Housing Law, and the Fair Employment Practices Law. By Chapter 153, Acts of 1969, the Commission was empowered to