

General Assembly the results of the investigations and the conclusions of the commission with recommendations of legislation that will adequately protect the people of the State from crime and at the same time work for the punishment and correction of the persons convicted; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Asembly of Maryland,* That a commission by the name of the Penal System Commission be and the same is hereby created consisting of eleven members, as follows: One member of the Senate, to be appointed by the president thereof; one member of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by the speaker thereof; two members to be appointed at large by the Governor, and the following members to be appointed by the Governor, one member of the board of directors of the State Penitentiary, one member of the Visitors of the Baltimore City Jail, one member of the board of managers of the Maryland House of Correction, one member of the Federation of Labor of Maryland, one member of the Faculty of Johns Hopkins University, one member of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, one member of the Prisoners' Aid Association of Maryland. The Governor shall designate one of the members of the commission as chairman thereof and the commission shall elect such other officers as it may deem necessary. The Governor shall fill all vacancies in the commission and shall appoint to a vacancy a representative of the body, institution or organization whose representative caused the vacancy, was caused by the death or resignation of one of the two members appointed at large by the Governor then the Governor shall fill such vacancy by an appointment at large.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the commission may appoint and employ a secretary and such other clerks as it may deem necessary.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That said commission be and it is hereby directed to investigate the penal laws and penal system of the State, and it is hereby empowered to enter and fully investigate and inquire into the management and conduct of every institution in the State of Maryland wherein any person may be held or sentenced to confinement for violation of any law of the State, and it is further empowered to examine all books and other records of any such institution, and it shall be the duty of every official and employee of every such institution to testify before and give full information to said commission relative to any matter it may inquire into.