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See notes to section 439.

1910, ch. 180, sec. 4 (p. 347). 1914, ch. 445, sec. 4.

416. The principal office of the Commission shall be in the City of Baltimore, at such place therein as said Commission shall select and determine from time to time. The Commission shall hold stated meetings at least once a week during the year at its office. The Commission shall have an official seal, which shall be prepared and furnished by the Secretary of State. The officers of the Commission shall be supplied with all necessary books, maps, charts, stationery, office furniture, telephone and telegraph connections, and all other necessary appliances and incidentals, to be paid for in the same manner as other expenses authorized by this sub-title.

The offices of said Commission shall be open for business between the hours of half-past eight o'clock A. M. and half-past five o'clock P. M. on every secular day of the week except Saturday, when they shall be open between the hours of half-past eight o'clock A. M. and twelve o'clock noon, and one or more responsible persons, to be designated by the Commission or by the Secretary, under the direction of the Commission, shall be on duty at all times, in immediate charge thereof.

The Commission shall promptly and duly organize. A majority of the Commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business, for the performance of any duty, or for the exercise of any power of the Commission, and may hold meetings of the Commission at any time and place within the State. Any investigation, inquiry or hearing which the Commission has power to undertake or hold, may be undertaken or held by or before any one of said Commissioners, upon condition, however, that such Commissioner shall have first been authorized by the Commission to undertake to hold such investigation, inquiry or hearing; and all investigations, inquiries or hearings of or by a Commissioner shall be and be deemed to be the investigations, inquiries and hearings of the Commission; provided, however, that each and all decisions of a Commissioner upon any such investigation, inquiry or hearing undertaken and held by him shall not become and be effective until approved and confirmed by the Commission itself, and ordered by the Commission to be filed in its office; and upon such confirmation and order by the Commission, such decision shall be and be deemed to be the decision and order of the Commission.

1910, ch. 180, sec. 6 (p. 349). 1912, ch. 563.

418. It shall be the duty of the General Counsel of the Commission subject always to the order of the Commission, which may substitute and use any other agent or instrumentality, in its discretion, to represent and appear for the Commission in all actions and proceed-