

alone or by oral testimony that the constitution was not observed in its passage. There must be clear and competent evidence to rebut the presumption that a duly authenticated and published act has been validly passed. When one bill is substituted for another and it appears that the original title was printed on the back of the amended bill, to invalidate the bill it must appear that the original title *alone* was read. *Thrift v. Towers*, 127 Md. 55.

The part of this section providing that a portion of the salaries of the commissioners and of the general counsel shall be paid by the City of Baltimore does not conflict with article 15, section 1 of the constitution or with article 35 of the Declaration of Rights or with the federal constitution, and is valid. Extent of the power of the legislature over the City of Baltimore. The title of the act of 1910, chapter 180, is sufficient under article 3, section 29 of the constitution. *Thrift v. Laird*, 125 Md. 57. (This decision was based on the law as it stood prior to the act of 1914.)

415.

Portion of this section dealing with water companies referred to—see notes to section 413. *Yeatman v. Public Ser. Com.*, 126 Md. 516.

417.***418.**

This section referred to in construing section 438—see notes thereto. *Hyattsville v. W., W. & G. R. R. Co.*, 122 Md. 675.

1910, ch. 180, sec. 8 (p. 350). 1916. ch. 638.

420. All proceedings of the commission, and all documents and records in its possession, shall be public records, and the commission shall make an annual report to the governor and to the general assembly, on or before the second Monday of January of each year, which shall contain copies of all orders passed and issued by it, and any information in the possession of the commission which it shall deem of value to the legislature and the people of the State.

All facts and information in the possession of the commission shall be public, and all reports, records, files, books, accounts, papers and memoranda of every nature whatsoever in their possession, shall be open to inspection by the public at all reasonable times; provided, however, that whenever the commission shall determine it shall be necessary in the interests of the public to withhold from the public any facts or information in its possession, such facts may be withheld for such period after the acquisition thereof not exceeding ninety days, as the commission may determine. No facts or information shall be withheld by the commission from the public for a longer period than ninety days, nor be so withheld for any reason whatsoever other than in the interest of the public.

*The act of 1916, chapter 713, provides for an annual appropriation from the treasury of Maryland of money sufficient to pay the salaries of the members of the public service commission and the counsel thereto.