

successor shall qualify. The term of office of each Commissioner shall begin within thirty days from June 1, 1920. The Governor, at the time of making and announcing the appointment of said three Commissioners, as well as in the commission issued by him to each of them, shall designate which of said Commissioners shall serve for the term of two years, and which shall serve for the term of four years, and which shall serve for the term of six years, as aforesaid, and also which shall be the Chairman of said Commission.

Upon the expiration of each of said terms, the term of office of each Commissioner thereafter appointed shall be six years from the time of his appointment and qualification and until his successor shall qualify. In case any Commissioner shall be allowed to hold over after the expiration of his term, his successor shall be appointed for the balance of the unexpired term. Vacancies in said commission shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term. Each Commissioner shall be eligible for reappointment in the discretion of the Governor.

In the event that the term of office above ascertained and prescribed for each of said Commissioners shall in respect to any of said Commissioners be held and decided by the Courts, and particularly by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, to be in excess of the period or term of office allowed or permitted by the Constitution of Maryland, then, in such event, the term of office of each of said Commissioners shall, and this Article hereby declares and determines that the term of office of each of them shall be for the period of two years from and after the date of appointment, unless removed from office, and until their successors respectively qualify according to law.

The Governor may remove any Commissioner for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office, giving to him a copy of the charges against him and an opportunity of being publicly heard in person or by counsel, in his own defense, upon not less than ten days' notice. If such Commissioner shall be removed, the Governor shall file in the office of the Secretary of State a complete statement of all charges made against such Commissioner, and his findings thereon, together with a complete record of the proceedings. No person shall be eligible for appointment or shall hold the office of Commissioner or be appointed by the Commission, or hold any office or position under the Commission, who holds any official relation to any association or corporation engaged in or conducting racing within the State of Maryland, or holds stock or bonds therein, or who has any pecuniary interest therein.

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3. Before entering upon the discharge of the duties of his office, each member of the Commission shall take oath that he will well and faithfully execute all and singular the duties appertaining to his office according to the laws of the State and the rules and regulations adopted in accordance therewith, and shall give bond to the State of Maryland, with personal or corporate security or securities approved by the Governor, in the penalty of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, with the condition