

the warrant of the Comptroller of the Treasury, out of the funds provided therefor. The commissioners, Peoples Counsel, the secretary of the commission and its officers and clerks, inspectors, experts and other employees shall have reimbursed to them, by the State Treasurer, upon the warrant of the Comptroller, all actual and necessary traveling and other expenses and disbursements incurred or made by them in the discharge of their official duties. The salaries or compensation of all other officers, clerks, inspectors, members and employees of the commission, shall be fixed by the commission, subject to the written approval in every case of the Governor.

The sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) annually, or so much thereof as may be necessary annually for the maintenance of said commission and the payment of the salaries of the commissioners, the People's counsel, secretary, clerks, inspectors and all other employees whatsoever of the commission, and for investigations and hearings and all its necessary and incidental expenses, is hereby appropriated, and shall be payable on the order or orders of said commission, drawn upon the Comptroller at monthly intervals and at such other times as the commission may deem necessary, and upon such order or orders of the commission, the Comptroller shall draw his warrant upon the Treasurer of the State, at the end of each month, and at such other times as the commission may deem necessary, as aforesaid, for such amounts as the said commission may certify to be due and payable for all the said salaries, costs and expenses of the said commission as aforesaid, not exceeding, however, the amount herein appropriated therefor.

An. Code, sec. 418. 1910, ch. 180, sec. 6 (p. 349). 1912, ch. 563. 1924, ch. 48, sec. 418.

**353.** Whenever application, protest or other form of complaint is made to the Commission of or concerning any act or omission, any service, regulation, equipment, appliance or facilities, or the adequacy or quality thereof, any preferences or advantage or any prejudice, disadvantage or any discrimination, any rates, tolls, fares or charges, or any regulations or practices with respect thereto, or of or concerning any other matter or thing done, permitted, maintained or omitted to be done by any person, firm or corporation, subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, with respect to any of the requirements imposed by the public Service Commission Law, by any other law, by any charter, franchise or ordinance, by any order of this Commission or otherwise, it shall be the duty of said People's Counsel, upon a prima facie case, or otherwise, to participate in the preparation of reforming of the pleadings before the Commission, if need be, or investigating or further investigating the facts or evidence upon which the application, complaint or protest is based or may be based and to appear before the Commission in respect to investigations or in support of applications or complaints by or on behalf of or in the interest of the public or in defense of the public interests when involved and the services of the experts employed by said Commission as well as the records and other facilities of the Commission shall be availed of by said People's Counsel in the performance of these public duties; provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any party or interest in any pro-