

ceeding before said Commission from appearing in person or from being represented by counsel.

All actions and proceedings under this sub-title, and all actions and proceedings commenced and prosecuted by order of the Commission, and all actions and proceedings to which the Commission may be a party and in which any question arises under this sub-title, or under or concerning any order or action of the Commission, shall be preferred over all other civil causes except election causes, in all the Courts of the States of Maryland, and shall be heard and determined in preference to all other civil business pending therein, excepting election causes, irrespective of position on the dockets of said Courts. The same preference shall be granted upon application of the People's Counsel to the Commission in any action or proceeding in which the People's Counsel may be allowed to intervene.

The Attorney General shall be the legal adviser and representative of the Public Service Commission, and he shall advise the Commission and each Commissioner, when so requested, in regard to all matters in connection with the powers and duties of the Commission and of the members thereof, and perform all duties and services as attorney and counsel to the Commission which the Commission may reasonably require of him. The Attorney General is authorized to assign to his assistants, and to each of them, the performance, subject to his direction and control, of any of the duties required of him by this Section.

This section referred to in construing sec. 379—see notes thereto. *Hyattsville v. W., W. & G. R. R. Co.*, 122 Md. 675.

An. Code, sec 419. 1910, ch. 180, sec. 7 (p. 349). 1924, ch. 48, sec. 419.

354. Every commissioner, the People's Counsel, the secretary of the commission and every person employed or appointed to office under, in the service or in connection with the said commission, is hereby forbidden and prohibited to solicit, suggest, request or recommend, directly or indirectly, to any common carrier, railroad corporation, street railroad corporation, gas company, electric light company, telephone company, telegraph company, water company and refrigerating company, or any other company or corporation subject to this sub-title, or to any of the provisions thereof, or to any officer, attorney, agent or employee thereof, the appointment of any person to any office, place, position or appointment. And every common carrier, railroad corporation, street railroad corporation, gas corporation, electrical corporation, telephone company, telegraph company, water company and all other companies or corporations subject to this sub-title, or any of the provisions thereof, and every officer, attorney, agent and employee thereof is hereby forbidden and prohibited to offer to any commissioner, People's Counsel, to the secretary thereof, or to any person employed by the commission, any office, place, appointment or position, or to offer to give to any commissioner, to the People's Counsel, to the secretary thereof or to any officer employed or appointed to office, or to any person employed in the service of the commission or in connection with the work of said commission, any free pass or transportation or any reduction in fares, to which the public generally are not entitled or any free carriage