

for freight or property, or any present, gift or gratuity of any kind. If any commissioner, People's Counsel, the secretary thereof, or any person employed or appointed to office or in the service of the commission shall violate any provision of this sub-title, the Governor shall remove him from the office held by him. No commissioner and no employee or official engaged in the service of or in any manner connected with the said commission shall hold any office or position, or be engaged in any business or avocation, the duties of which are incompatible with the duties of his office or employment as commissioner, or in the service of or in connection with the work of the said commission.

An. Code, sec. 420. 1910, ch. 180, sec. 8 (p. 350). 1916, ch. 638.

355. 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.

Copies of all official documents and orders filed or deposited according to law in the office of the commission, certified by the commission or by the secretary of the commission to be true copies of the originals, under the official seal of the commission, shall be evidence in like manner as the originals.

The commission shall charge and collect the following fees: For copies of papers and records not required to be certified or otherwise authenticated by the commission, ten cents for each folio; for certified copies of official documents and orders filed in its office, fifteen cents for each folio, and one dollar for every certificate under seal affixed thereto; for certifying a copy of any report made by any corporation to the commission, two dollars; for each certified copy of the annual report of the commission, one dollar and fifty cents; for certified copies of all evidence and proceedings taken before the commission, twenty cents for each folio. No fee shall be charged or collected for copies of papers, records or official documents furnished to public officers for use in their official capacity, or for the annual reports of the commission in the ordinary course of distribution. All fees charged and collected by the commission shall belong to the State of Maryland and