

## ARTICLE 49B.

### INTERRACIAL COMMISSION.

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| 1. Appointment; terms; executive secretary. | 2. Compensation and expenses.       |
|   | 3. By-laws and regulations; powers. |

1927, ch. 559, sec. 1.

1. There shall be a permanent Interracial Commission, which shall consider questions concerning the welfare of colored people residing in the State of Maryland, recommend legislation and sponsor movements looking to the welfare of said people, and to the improvement of interracial relations, and to co-operate with other State agencies to these ends.

Said Commission shall consist of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and eighteen members equally divided between the white and colored races, including a white chairman. All members shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, except that the members first appointed under this Article shall be appointed by the Governor alone and their terms of office shall begin on September 1, 1927. The members of said Commission shall hold office for six years, provided that those appointed under this Article shall be so classed by the Governor that the terms of office of six shall expire on the first Monday of May, 1928, the terms of office of six on the first Monday of May, 1930, and the terms of office of six on the first Monday of May, 1932, and thereafter in each case the Governor, with advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint six members in the place of the six whose terms shall so expire. All vacancies occurring by reason of death, resignation or removal from the State shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired terms. There shall be a colored Executive Secretary of the Commission. The members of the Interracial Commission shall serve without pay.

The Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the members of the Commission, or a majority of them, provided that such appointment shall not take effect before October 1, 1927. The Executive Secretary shall hold such office as long as he shall faithfully and efficiently discharge the duties thereof. He may be removed by the Commission for cause in accordance with the By-Laws after an opportunity for a hearing, and any vacancy occurring in the office shall be filled in the manner hereinbefore provided.

The Executive Secretary shall report annually on or before January 1st, to the Interracial Commission, concerning the activities and proceedings of the Interracial Commission, which reports shall be transmitted by the Chairman of the Commission to the Governor.

Ch. 559 of Acts of 1927 designated this article as art. 49-1, but it is codified as art. 49B for consistency.