

gations have otherwise been discharged. Upon its ceasing to exist, all of its rights and properties shall pass to the State of Maryland.

No member of the Board shall vote on any question in which he may have a personal financial interest.

Notwithstanding anything in this sub-title contained and notwithstanding any of its other duties, powers and obligations under this sub-title, the Authority, in issuing Bridge Bonds and in entering into any agreements with bondholders with respect thereto, and in the construction and operation of the Bridge, and in the performance of any other duties whatsoever with respect to the Bridge hereunder, shall not be construed to be acting as an agency of the State of Maryland and shall have no power whatsoever to bind the State with respect thereto.

The failure of the Authority to contract for the construction of the bridge within two years did not deprive it of the power to construct the bridge, but did terminate its powers and duties as to the ferry. *Public Service Comm. v. Md. Bay Co.*, 176 Md. 59.

1935, ch. 330, sec. 77.

104. The Authority shall have the following powers in addition to others herein granted:

- (a) To sue and be sued.
- (b) To have a seal and alter the same at pleasure.
- (c) To acquire, hold and dispose of real and personal property for its corporate purposes.
- (d) To acquire by condemnation in the manner provided by Sections 206 and 207, or by Sections 329 to 334, inclusive, of Article 23 or by Article 33A, of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland and any acts in amendment thereof, supplementary thereto or in substitution therefor, any real property, including lands, lands under water, fixtures and improvements, easements, franchises and incorporeal hereditaments, necessary or convenient for its corporate purposes. Any such property may be acquired by condemnation whether or not the same is owned or held for public use by corporations, associations or persons having the power of eminent domain or otherwise held or used for public purposes.
- (e) To make by-laws for the management and regulation of its affairs, and subject to agreements with bondholders, for the regulation and use of the project hereinbefore defined and establishment and collection of tolls thereon.
- (f) To appoint officers, including a treasurer, agents, employees and legal counsel and fix their compensation.
- (g) To make contracts and to execute all instruments necessary or convenient.
- (h) To acquire the bridge franchises of The Chesapeake Bay Bridge Company, and subject to the rights of The Chesapeake Bay Bridge Company under its existing franchises, but without any limitations as to the time of commencement and completion, to construct a bridge over the Chesapeake Bay from a point in Baltimore County, over and across Hart and Miller's Islands, to a point near Tolchester, Kent County, Maryland, together with such incidental bridges and structures as shall be necessary or convenient in order to give access from the bridge to both of said islands, and together with the approaches to said bridge.
- (i) To acquire the assets and franchises of the Claiborne-Annapolis Ferry Company.
- (j) To maintain, reconstruct and operate the projects.