

dissolved, and the work of gathering the war records cannot be completed for some time; and

WHEREAS, It is extremely desirable that the State of Maryland have permanent records of the achievements of its sons during the great conflict;

NOW, THEREFORE, The State of Maryland provides herein for the creation of a War Records Commission to carry on to completion the work begun by the Council of Defense.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That there is hereby created the War Records Commission, consisting of five members, who shall be appointed by and hold office during the pleasure of the Governor. One of the members of the Commission shall be the Maryland Department Commander of the American Legion. The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Commission.

It shall be the duty of the Commission to collect and compile the records of all the sons of Maryland in the service of the United States Military, Naval and Marine Forces, or who otherwise rendered conspicuous public service during the recent war, and to arrange to have such records kept in some permanent place for future reference. The final disposition of the records shall be determined by the Commission, subject to the approval of the Governor.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the War Records Commission shall continue the work begun by the Maryland Council of Defense on the war records of Marylanders. It shall be the duty of the Maryland Council of Defense, when this Act takes effect, to transfer all of its data, papers and documents of every description connected with the collection of such records over to the War Records Commission; and also to turn over to the Commission any unexpended balances in its hands which had been set aside to pay for the work of collecting war records.

SECTION 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the members of the War Records Commission shall serve without compensation, but the Commission is hereby authorized, with the approval of the Governor, to incur such expenses as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act within the limits of the amount appropriated therefor in the Budget Bill. The Commission shall, from time to time, report to the Governor concerning the progress and scope of its activities.