

powers, duties, obligations and functions now or hereafter conferred by law.

SEC. 3. The Parole Commissioner shall be assigned to the Executive Department.

(a) The terms of the members of the Advisory Board of Parole shall continue or be extended, as the case may be, until the taking effect of this Act, whereupon the same shall cease and be at an end and the said Board shall be and stand abolished.

(b) Upon the taking effect of this Act, Section 6 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Volume III, and Section 7-B of said Article 41 of the Annotated Code, Volume IV, title "Governor," are hereby, respectively, repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read, respectively, as follows:

6. The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint one Parole Commissioner, who shall be not less than thirty years of age, and who shall have been for the four years next preceding his appointment a resident and qualified voter of the State of Maryland. The Parole Commissioner shall hold office for two years, and until his successor shall qualify, his term commencing on the first Monday of May next ensuing his appointment; except that the Parole Commissioner first appointed under this Act shall be appointed and his term shall begin when this Act takes effect, and he shall hold office until the first Monday of May, 1924, and until his successor shall qualify. Any vacancy in said office shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The Governor may remove the Commissioner for inefficiency, neglect of duty or misconduct in office, giving to him a copy of the charges preferred against him, and the opportunity of being publicly heard in person or by counsel in his own defense, on not less than ten days' notice. In case of removal, the Governor shall file in the office of the Secretary of State a complete statement of all charges made against such Commissioner and his finding thereon, together with a complete record of the proceedings.

7B. The Parole Commissioner shall receive a salary of \$2,500 per annum, and shall, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this sub-title, have power to appoint and remove at pleasure such number of parole officers, not exceeding