

by the Governor for the unexpired term. Each commissioner shall be eligible for reappointment, in the discretion of the Governor.

In the event that the term of office above ascertained and prescribed for each of said commissioners, shall in respect to any of said commissioners be held and decided by the courts, and particularly by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, to be in excess of the period or term of office allowed or permitted by the constitution of Maryland, then, in such event, the term of office of each of said commissioners, shall, and this subtitle hereby declares and determines that the term of office of each of them shall be for the period of two years from and after the first Monday of May, in the year nineteen hundred and ten (unless removed from office) and until their successors, respectively, qualify according to law.

The Governor may remove any commissioner for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office, giving to him a copy of the charges against him and an opportunity of being publicly heard in person or by counsel, in his own defense, upon not less than ten days' notice. If such commissioner shall be removed, the Governor shall file in the office of the Secretary of State a complete statement of all charges made against such commissioner, and his findings thereon, together with a complete record of the proceedings.

The salary of the chairman of the said Public Service Commission of Maryland shall be six thousand dollars (\$6,000) per annum and the salary of each of the other two commissioners shall be five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per annum.

The Governor is authorized to appoint, and remove at pleasure, an experienced and qualified attorney-at-law of this State, to be known as Peoples Counsel, who shall receive an annual salary of forty-five hundred (\$4,500) dollars.

The said commission shall have a secretary, to be appointed by it and to hold office at its pleasure. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a full and true record of all the proceedings of the commission, of all books, maps, documents and papers ordered filed by the commission, and of all orders made by each of the commissioners, and of all orders made by the commission or approved and confirmed by it and ordered filed, and he shall be responsible to it for the safe custody and preservation of all such documents at its office. Under the direction of the commission, the secretary shall have general charge of its office, superintend the clerical business and perform such other