

WHEREAS by Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1888 the State of Maryland gave the Association of the Maryland Line the custody and use of said property for the establishment of a home for Maryland Confederate Veterans, but because all those maintained at said Home have died the custody and use of the buildings and property have been transferred to the Adjutant General of Maryland; and

WHEREAS the grounds and buildings of said Arsenal and home, due to lack of funds, have been allowed to greatly deteriorate, but being of historic interest and of singular beauty and dignity are worthy of restoration and maintenance; and

WHEREAS it is proposed to create the Arsenal and Veterans Memorial Commission to have the custody, control and use of said property, and to have authority to repair and maintain the same for the purpose of establishing a home for destitute soldiers who have served in the army or navy of the United States, and for the institution of an historical museum and library as a memorial to those of the State of Maryland who have died in military service of the United States or of the Confederate States, and for such other public, civic and community purposes as the Commission shall from time to time determine.

SECTION 1. *Now, therefore, be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland* that there is hereby created the Arsenal and Veterans Memorial Commission, to consist of nine members to be appointed by the Governor. Three of said Commissioners shall hold office for two years from the beginning of their terms of office and until their successors shall qualify. Three of said Commissioners shall hold office for four years from the beginning of their terms of office and until their successors shall qualify, and three of said Commissioners shall hold office for six years from the beginning of their terms of office and until their successors shall qualify. The term of office of each Commissioner shall begin within thirty days from June 1st, 1936. The Governor, at the time of announcing and making the appointment of said Commissioners, as well as the commissions issued by him to each of them, shall designate the chairman of the said Commission, and likewise shall designate which of said Commissioners shall serve for the term of two years, which shall serve for the term of four years and which shall serve for the term of six years as aforesaid.