

tain offices which may be located in any other offices of existing departments of the State. Three members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum, and no action shall be taken or refused unless by the concurring vote of not less than three members. The Commission shall keep permanent and complete records of its proceedings, meetings, hearings, orders and decisions. The Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to employ such persons as may be necessary in the performance of its duties and in the exercise of its powers, engineering, clerical or otherwise, and pay the compensation and incur any necessary expenses, within the limits of any funds provided therefor.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the State Planning Commission to prepare or coordinate plans for the physical development of the state in so far as such development may be appropriately directed or influenced by state agency. It shall, among other things:

1. Prepare and adopt plans for complete systems of state or regional highways, expressways, parkways, parks, water supply and forest reservations and airways and air terminals.

2. Advise with the various state departments and bureaus and with local authorities and individuals, with a view to the co-ordination of all physical development plans, from whatever source originating, that are related to state activities.

3. Make surveys of rural land utilization with a view to the determination, among other things, of the areas suitable for field crops, for reforestation, for watershed protection, for recreation, for summer residence, and for urban expansion.

4. Draft for submission to the General Assembly such regulations affecting the use and development of property as are deemed reasonable and necessary in the interest of orderly and co-ordinated development, of preserving the integrity of officially approved plans, or of conserving the natural resources of the state.

5. Collect and publish information relating to welfare problems affecting the people of the State of Maryland, and make such recommendations thereon to the General Assembly as may seem advisable and proper.

All public officials shall upon request furnish to such commission within a reasonable time such available infor-