

1. Effective as of April 16, 1935, a Commission is hereby created which shall be known as the State Industrial Accident Commission, to be composed of five Commissioners, (not more than three of whom shall belong to the same political party) two of whom shall be the two Commissioners then in office whose terms expire on April 16, 1937, and April 16, 1939, respectively, and the other three Commissioners shall be appointed by the Governor immediately upon the taking effect of this Act. One of them shall hold office for a term of one year beginning April 16, 1935, another shall hold office for a term of three years beginning April 16, 1935, and another shall hold office for a term of five years beginning April 16, 1935. Upon the expiration of the term of each Commissioner, his successor shall be appointed by the Governor for a term of five years. Each Commissioner shall devote his entire time to the duties of the office, and shall not hold any position of trust or engage in any occupation or business interfering or inconsistent with his duties as such Commissioner, or serve on or under any committee of a political party. Each Commissioner shall hold office until his successor shall be appointed and shall have qualified. Vacancies shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term. A decision on any question arising under this Article concurred in by three of the Commissioners shall be the decision of the Commission. The Governor may at any time remove any Commissioner from office for inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. Before such removal he shall give such Commissioner a copy of the charges against him and shall fix a time when he can be heard in his own defense, either in person, or by counsel, which shall not be less than ten days thereafter, and such hearing shall be open to the public. The Governor shall designate a member of said Commission as Chairman thereof. The principal office of the Commission shall be in the City of Baltimore, but branch offices may be established at other places in the State for the purpose of administering this Article.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and being passed upon a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 18, 1935.