

the first Monday of June, 1947; Judge Morris A. Soper, David S. Jenkins and Charles A. Piper, who shall serve until the first Monday of June, 1948; and Dr. Paul Knotts, Judge Joseph C. Mattingly and James Drury, who shall serve until the first Monday of June, 1949.

In case of any vacancy, the Governor shall appoint a successor for the unexpired term. As the terms of the members herein named expire, the Governor shall appoint their successors for terms of nine years each.

2. The members of said Commission shall not receive any compensation for their services but shall be paid their reasonable necessary expenses while engaged in the discharge of their official duties.

The said Commission may appoint an executive secretary, who shall be paid such compensation as shall be provided for and who shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the said Commission.

3. The said Commission shall have power to make such surveys and studies concerning colored problems and interracial conditions as it may determine and shall have full power and authority to promote, in every way possible, the welfare of the colored race and the betterment of interracial relations. In making said studies and surveys, it shall be authorized to expend any funds which may be provided.

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 having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of 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 30, 1943.

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#### CHAPTER 432.

(Senate Bill 293)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 144 of Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Washington County", sub-title "County Commissioners," as said section was amended by Chapter 485 of the Acts of 1939, authoriz-