

CHAPTER 990.

(Senate Bill 613)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 1 and 3 of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Workmen's Compensation," sub-title "State Industrial Accident Commission," relating to the term of office, duties and compensation of the members of the State Industrial Accident Commission.

SECTION 1. *Beit enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 1 and 3 of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Workmen's Compensation," sub-title "State Industrial Accident Commission," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

1. A Commission is hereby created which shall be known as the State Industrial Accident Commission, to be composed of four Commissioners. Upon June 1st, 1945, all of the terms of the Commissioners in office upon the taking effect of this Act shall terminate, and the Governor shall thereupon appoint one Commissioner who shall hold office for a term of three years, one for a term of four years, one for a term of five years and one for a term of six years. Upon the expiration of the term of each Commissioner, his successor shall be appointed by the Governor for a term of six 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 the 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. 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 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.