

347. (a) There shall be a public service commission, and the same is hereby created and established, which said public service commission shall be vested with and possessed of the powers and duties in this sub-title specified, and also all powers necessary or proper to enable it to carry out fully and effectually all the purposes of this sub-title.

The said public service commission shall consist of three members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, and one of whom shall be designated by the Governor to be and, upon so being designated, shall be the chairman of said commission.

Each commissioner, at the time of his appointment and qualification, shall be a resident of the State of Maryland, and shall have resided in said State for a period of at least five years next preceding his appointment and qualification, and he shall also be a qualified voter therein and not less than twenty-five years of age.

Upon June 1st, 1945, all of the terms of the Commissioners in office shall terminate and the Governor shall thereupon appoint one member for a term of two years, one for a term of four years, and one for a term of six years, and thereafter the term of office of each Commissioner shall be six years from the time of his appointment and qualification and until his successor is duly appointed and shall qualify.

(b) Vacancies in said commission shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term. Each commissioner shall be eligible for reappointment, in the discretion of the Governor.

(c) The Governor may remove any commissioner for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office, giving to him a copy of the charges against him and an opportunity of being publicly heard in person or by counsel, in his own defense, upon not less than ten days' notice. If such commissioner shall be removed, the Governor shall file in the office of the Secretary of State a complete statement of all charges made against such commissioner, and his findings thereon, together with a complete record of the proceedings.

(d) The salary of the chairman of said commission shall be seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) per annum, and the salary of each of the other two commissioners shall be six thousand dollars (\$6,000) per annum.

(e) The Governor shall, upon the recommendation of the commission, appoint an attorney-at-law of the State of Maryland to be and act as the general counsel to said public service commission. The term of office of said gen-