

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 1 and 2 of Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "State Roads", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

1. The head of the Department of Public Works shall be the State Roads Commission, which shall consist of three members, to be appointed by the Governor, one of whom he shall designate as Chariman and be known as the Director of the Department. One of said members shall be a resident of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, one a resident of the counties of the Western Shore of Maryland and one a resident of Baltimore City. At least one member of said Commission shall bona fide belong to or be affiliated with that one of the two leading political parties in the State opposite to the party to which the Governor belongs. The term of office of the members of said Commission shall be six years, but of those first appointed, one shall serve for two years, one for four years and one for six years from June 1, 1945. The Governor shall have the power to fill any vacancy caused by death, resignation, incapacity, removal or other cause. The members of said Commission shall take the oath prescribed by Article 1, Section 6 of the State Constitution and shall receive such compensation as may be provided for in the Budget. A majority of the members of said Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Chairman shall preside over its meetings and perform such other duties as may be imposed upon him by law or as may be assigned to him by said Commission.

The members of said Commission shall elect a Secretary, not a member of the Commission, who shall receive such compensation as the Commission may determine and as may be provided in the Budget. He shall make and carefully preserve full and accurate minutes of all meetings and records of all proceedings and enter same in the journal of the Commission. The Secretary shall make true copies of all notices directed by the Commission to be published and the certificates of publication thereof, and shall perform such other duties as may be imposed upon him by law or as may be assigned to him by the Commission.

2. All records of said Commission shall be public records, and the Commission shall annually, make to the Governor a detailed report of its official transactions, and of all its expenditures and of all liabilities incurred by it. The said Commission may employ such chief engineer, assistant engineer, professional or technical experts, surveyors, agents, assistants, clerks, employees and laborers, skilled and un-