

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, 1949, 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 for six years from the time of his appointment and qualification and until his successor is duly appointed and shall qualify.

(d) The salary of the chairman of said commission shall be nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) per annum, and the salary of each of the other two commissioners shall be eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) per annum.

(e) The term of the general counsel to the Public Service Commission shall expire on June 1, 1949, and on said date 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 general counsel shall be six years. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term. The Governor may remove said general counsel for inefficiency, neglect of duty or misconduct in office, giving him a copy of the charges against him and an opportunity of being publicly heard in his own defense, upon not less than ten days' notice. He shall be eligible for reappointment by the Governor.

The annual salary of such general counsel shall be fifty-five hundred dollars (\$5,500).

(f) The term of the People's Counsel shall expire on June 1, 1949, and on said date the Governor is authorized to appoint an experienced and qualified attorney-at-law of this State, to be known as People's Counsel, who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Governor and who shall receive an annual salary of fifty-five hundred dollars (\$5,500).

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved April 29, 1949.