

term of two years, and the other such member from said State for a term of four years. Thereafter, all members, other than those holding office ex officio, shall be appointed for terms of five (5) years. Any vacancy occurring during the term shall be filled by appointment in the same manner as was the appointee whose death or resignation occasioned the vacancy, and shall be for the balance of the unexpired term. Any member may be removed for cause by the official or officials by whom he was appointed.

16. (Organization of the Commission.) The Commission shall elect from its members a Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and shall appoint, and, at its pleasure, remove such officers and clerical, expert and other assistants that may be required to carry the provisions of this Compact into effect, and shall determine their duties, qualifications and compensation.

It shall adopt a seal and suitable by-laws, and shall promulgate rules and regulations for its management and control.

It may maintain one or more offices to transact its business and may meet at any time or place.

A majority of the members from each State shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, the exercise of any powers or the performance of any duties. The Commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements, and shall make an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature of each State, setting forth in detail the operations and transactions conducted by it, pursuant to this Compact, and shall make recommendations for any legislative action deemed by it advisable or necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Compact.

The Commission shall not incur any obligations for salaries, offices or other administrative expenses prior to the making of appropriations adequate to meet the same, nor shall the Commission pledge the credit of either State, except by and with the authority of the Legislatures thereof. Each State reserves the right to provide hereafter by law for the examination and audit of the accounts of the Commission by its Comptroller or other official.

The Attorney General of the State of Maryland and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be the legal advisers of the Commission.

17. (Powers and Duties as to Fin Fish and Crabs.) The Commission shall have the authority to regulate and control fin fish and crabs in the tidal waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries in both States and in the tidal