and direction of the Chief Engineer and each of whom shall receive Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) annually, payable monthly, and shall come under the merit system established by said Commission. For the purpose of securing eligible appointees to such position as deputy chief engineers, the Commission shall certify its need, outlining its requirements to the State Employment Commission which shall thereupon hold an examination and certify the eligibles to the Sanitary Commission which shall thereupon make its appointments from such list of eligibles. [Said Com- PROVISIONS OF THIS SUB-TITLE. THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY, IN ACCORD-ANCE WITH DIRECTIONS OF THE COMMISSION, SHALL IN CLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, ADMINISTRATIVE PER-FORMANCE AND AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT THE FUNC-TIONS OF THE COMMISSION, AND TO COORDINATE ALL ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION AND TO ACT AS LIAISON BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE PUBLIC, AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, AND TO FURTHER SHALL BE PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSION AND SHALL INCLUDE THE SUPERVISION OF ALL THE ADMINIS-TRATIVE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION EXCEPT THOSE RELATING TO ENGINEERING AND FINANCIAL MATTERS, ACTING AS LIAISON BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE PUBLIC, AND IN GENERAL TO PROMOTE PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR THE COMMISSION; THE DUTIES OF THE TREASURER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIRECTIONS OF THE COMMISSION, SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIM-ITED TO, ADMINISTRATIVE PERFORMANCE AND AUTHORI-TY TO MAINTAIN A PROPER AND EFFECTIVE UTILITIES ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR ALL FINANCIAL TRANSAC-TIONS OF THE COMMISSION, AND TO PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES RESPECTING THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE COMMISSION AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW OR BY DIRECTIVE OF THE COMMISSION. [SAID COMmission, for the convenience of the citizens of said district may establish an office at a convenient place in the District of Columbia, and all acts, regulations or orders passed in the District of Columbia by said Commission shall have the same force and effect as if passed by said Commission when sitting in the Sanitary District; and all All acts, orders and regulations heretofore passed by said Commission while sitting in the District of Columbia are hereby ratified and confirmed and are to be given the same force and effect as if passed in the State of Maryland. Said Commission shall annually publish in at least one newspaper in Montgomery County, and one in Prince George's County, a full and true account of its receipts, expenses and expenditures; said Commission shall employ a certified public accountant, certified to practice as a public accountant in the State of Maryland, to audit its books and accounts. Said Commission shall always keep available and open to public inspection during business hours, at its principal office, a detailed audit and financial statement of its accounts. The Commission shall file with the County Commissioners of [each County] Prince George's County and the County Council of Montgomery County, annually, a certified copy of such detailed audit and financial statement.

Said Commission is authorized to formulate and adopt a pension or retirement plan for its employees including the right to contract