

rection of, or in cooperation with, Federal, State, or county agencies having charge of such defense activities.

16. Budgetary Procedures.

None of the provisions of any public general law governing the preparation and filing of budgets by agencies of the State of Maryland shall be applicable to the budgetary procedure of the Commission. The budget programs and procedures heretofore followed by the Commission are ratified and confirmed and approved for use by the Commission hereafter, together with such improvements therein as in the discretion of the Commission shall be deemed necessary or appropriate in the public interest. The Commission is expressly directed to hold two public hearings on the budget proposed to be adopted by it for its fiscal year beginning May 1 of each year. The hearings shall be held in the months of March or April, one to be in Prince George's County and one to be in Montgomery County. At least ten (10) days' notice of each such respective hearing shall be given by publication in a newspaper or newspapers having a general circulation in the county where the hearing is to be held.

17. Commission and Metropolitan District not Municipal Corporations.

The term "municipal corporation" in Article 11E of the Constitution of Maryland does not embrace or include the Commission or the Maryland-Washington Metropolitan District or the Maryland-Washington Regional District. The Commission and the Metropolitan District and the Regional District cannot be classified in any group of municipal corporations as required by Article 11E, and Article 11E no application to the Commission or to the Metropolitan District or to the Regional District.

18. Penalty Provisions.

Every act or omission designated as a misdemeanor in this Article, unless otherwise provided, shall be punishable before any Trial Magistrate or the Circuit Court of the county in which the offense is committed. It shall be brought by warrant or indictment upon the oath or information of any member of the Commission or of any employee thereof. Upon conviction thereof the offender shall be subject to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100) or to thirty (30) days' imprisonment in the county jail, or both, in the discretion of the court. If such an act or omission is of a continuing nature, or is persisted in, in violation of the provisions of this Article, or of any regulation enacted or decision made under the powers granted in this Article, each and every day during which such act or omission continues or is persisted in shall be deemed a separate misdemeanor.

19. Repeal of Inconsistent Laws.

All laws or parts of laws inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions in this Article are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

20. Severability.

If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, part or parts, or sections of this Article shall be held unconstitutional, such unconstitutionality