

*The State Roads Commission of Maryland shall consist of seven members to be appointed by the Governor. One of said members shall be a resident of the Eastern Shore of Maryland; one a resident of Anne Arundel, Charles, Calvert or St. Mary's County; one a resident of Carroll, Frederick, Washington, Allegany or Garrett County; one a resident of Prince George's or Montgomery County; one a resident of Baltimore, Howard, or Harford County; one a resident of Baltimore City; ~~or a person who at the time of the appointment has, and for a period of at least two years immediately prior thereto continuously has had, his principal place of business, employment or professional activity in Baltimore City;~~ and one of said members shall be appointed from the State at large. The member appointed from the State at large shall be the Chairman of the Commission and shall preside at the meetings of the Commission. The Chairman of the Commission shall also be known as the Director of Highways for the State of Maryland, and shall devote full time to the duties of his office, and shall perform such duties as are hereinafter in this Article prescribed. At least two of the members of the Commission shall bona fide belong to and be affiliated with that one of the two leading political parties in the State opposite to the party to which the Governor belongs. The Chairman (also known as the Director of Highways) shall hold office during the pleasure of the Governor. Three of the six other members shall be appointed for a term of one year beginning June 1, 1959 and the three other members shall be appointed for a term of two years beginning June 1, 1959 and, at the end of their respective terms, they or their successors, shall be appointed for a term of four years and thereafter their terms shall be four years. The Governor shall have the authority to fill any vacancy caused by death, resignation, incapacity, removal or other cause, and the person so appointed shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. The members of said Commission shall take the oath prescribed by Article 1, Sec. 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 full membership of the Commission shall meet at least twice each month and at such other times as deemed desirable by the Director or the Governor. The part-time members of the Commission should conduct a continuing survey of the secondary highways, as said highways are hereinafter defined, of their area, and report such highway needs and problems, from time to time, to the full Commission.*

3. 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 engineers, professional or technical experts, surveyors, agents, assistants, clerks, employees and laborers, skilled and unskilled, and also such advisers and consultants, as it may deem requisite for the performance and execution of the powers and duties imposed and conferred by law, and shall fix their respective compensations. Said Commissioners shall have power to exact from any person employed by it such idemnity bond for the faithful performance of duty as the Commission may deem proper, and