

Chairman, the Commission shall elect a new Chairman or Vice-Chairman, as the occasion requires after the Commission vacancy has been filled. The Commission shall appoint, discharge and fix the compensation of a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall not be the same person, a Chief Engineer, Deputy Chief Engineer, Assistant Chief Engineers and Division Engineers, and such engineering, legal, clerical and other force and help as, from time to time, in its judgment may be deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle. The duties of the Secretary shall be prescribed by the Commission and shall include the supervision of all the administrative 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 limited to, administrative performance and authority to maintain a proper and effective utilities accounting system for all financial transactions 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. 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 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 with any established insurance company or insurance companies for a group, annuity, retirement or pension plan, and to contribute so much thereto as it may deem equitable, or be required to pay under any contract, and such contribution or payment shall be charged as expenses of the several departments of the Commission in the same proportion that the receipts of the respective department bear to the total receipts of the Commission.

The General Assembly of Maryland hereby finds, determines and declares that the term "Municipal Corporation" in Article 11E of the Constitution of Maryland does not embrace or include the Washington Suburban Sanitary District which was incorporated by Chapter 122 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1918, that the Washington Suburban Sanitary District cannot be classified in any group of Municipal Corporations as required by said Article 11E, and that said Article 11E therefore has no application to the Washington Suburban Sanitary District.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act ~~shall take effect~~
~~June 1, 1959~~. IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE AN EMERGENCY