

tive and be in full force and effect and such articles shall be conclusively deemed to have been lawfully and properly adopted. Promptly after the issuance of a certificate of approval the said [Commission] Department shall record said articles of withdrawal or articles of joinder, as the case may be, together with the endorsements thereon, in the book kept by it for the purpose of recording articles of incorporation.

649. (a) the powers of each District shall be exercised by a governing body (herein called the "Commission") composed as follows:

(1) If the District is incorporated by one county the Commission shall be composed of three citizens of such county, no one of whom shall hold any other office of said county during his term of office on said Commission. The governing body of such county shall appoint the members of the Commission, whose terms of office shall commence on the date of appointment, and one of whom shall serve for two years, one for four years, and one for six years from the January first next succeeding the date of incorporation, and thereafter the said governing body shall, at a meeting held not later than one month prior to January first in each year in which a vacancy occurs, appoint as a member of the Commission a citizen of the county for which the District is created, for a term of six years, to succeed the member whose term expires on the January first next succeeding.

(2) If the District is incorporated by two or more counties, the Commission shall consist of a number of members at least equal to the number of counties incorporating the District; but in no event less than three. When one or more additional counties join an existing District, each of such joining counties shall have one member on the Commission [.] , and [T] the first of such members shall be appointed immediately upon the admission of the county into the District for a full term of *six* years. [equal to that fixed for the other members of the Commission.] The members of the Commission of a District incorporated by two or more counties shall be appointed, their terms staggered, and vacancies filled, and, where the number of counties joining is less than three, shall be apportioned in such manner as the articles of incorporation shall provide. No member shall be appointed for a term longer than six years.

(b) Members of the Commission shall hold office until their successors have been appointed, and may succeed themselves, and shall receive such salaries, *if any*, as may be determined by the governing body or bodies of the county or counties *from time to time*. *The salary of any member of the Commission shall be paid by the county appointing such member*. If a vacancy shall occur by reason of the death, disqualification, resignation or removal of a member, the governing body of the county shall appoint a successor to fill his unexpired term. In joint Districts such vacancies shall be filled by the governing body of the county in the representation of which the vacancy occurs. Whenever any county shall withdraw from a joint District, the term of any member or members appointed from such county shall immediately terminate.

(c) A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum of the Commission for the purpose of organizing the District and conducting the business thereof and for all other purposes, and all action may be taken by vote of a majority of the members present, unless in any case the by-laws shall require a larger number. The Commis-