SECTION, SHALL BE FOR TWO YEARS. THEREAFTER THE TERM OF OFFICE OF EACH OF THE MEMBERS SHALL BE FOR FOUR YEARS. ANY VACANCY OCCURRING AT ANY TIME IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION FROM MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHALL BE FILLED AS PROVEDED PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION AND IN THE CASE OF A VA-CANCY FROM PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SHALL BE FILLED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM, AND THE APPOINTEE NAMED TO FILL SUCH VACANCY SHALL BE FROM THE COUNTY FOR WHICH SUCH VACANCY EXISTS; AND IF SUCH VACANCY EXISTS FOR ONE OF THE APPOINTMENTS MADE FROM NOMINATIONS OF EITHER SAID PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR COUNTY COUNCIL THEN THE APPOINTMENT TO FILL SUCH VACANCY SHALL BE MADE BY THE GOVERNOR FROM NOMI-NATIONS OF SUCH COMMISSIONERS OR COUNCIL MADE IN THE MANNER PROVIDED HEREIN FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMISSION. THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY MAY REMOVE FOR CAUSE ANY RESPECTIVE MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION APPOINTED BY SAID COUNCIL PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM FOR WHICH HE OR SHE WAS APPOINTED. IN SUCH A CASE, THE CAUSE FOR REMOVAL SHALL BE STATED IN WRITING AND A PUBLIC HEARING HELD THEREON. AT SUCH A HEARING AN OPPORTUNITY SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE COMMISSION MEMBER IN QUESTION TO PRESENT A DEFENSE IN HIS OR HER OWN BEHALF. ANY VACANCIES OCCURRING IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION BY REASON OF REMOVAL OR RESIGNATION SHALL BE FILLED AS PRO-VIDED IN THIS SECTION.

The annual salary of the chairman of said commission shall be forty-eight hundred dollars (\$4,800.00); of the vice-chairman, fortyfive hundred dollars (\$4,500.00); and of the other members of said commission forty-two hundred dollars (\$4,200.00), all payable biweekly. The chairman and vice-chairman shall perform such duties as the commission shall from time to time designate. The commission shall, in June, 1959, after the six members have been appointed as herein provided, and in June every two years thereafter at its first meeting or as soon thereafter as possible elect from among its members a chairman and a vice-chairman, one to be from Prince George's County and one to be from Montgomery County, who shall serve for two years or until their successors are elected and qualified. If a vacancy exists in the position of chairman or vice-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 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 article 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 pro-