

of Montgomery County, first appointed under this 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 shall be filled by the Governor *and in the case of a vacancy from Prince George's County 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 County Commissioners or County Council then the appointment to fill such vacancy shall be made by the Governor from nominations of such Commission or Council *made in the manner provided herein for appointments to the Commission*. The annual salary of the Chairman of said Commission shall be forty-eight hundred dollars (\$4,800.00); of the Vice-Chairman forty-five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00); and of the other members of said Commission, forty-two hundred dollars (\$4,200.00), all payable bi-weekly. 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 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 sub-title. 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 Mont-