

All matters committed by this Act to the discretion of the Board of Public Works shall be determined by a majority of said Board.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the recodification of the provisions concerning the Ocean City Convention Hall Commission and the reconstituting of the Commission as a State agency shall not be construed or applied to affect the continuity of the agency heretofore known as the Ocean City Convention Hall Commission. The Commission which is reconstituted in this Act as a State Commission is the same Commission as heretofore known as the Ocean City Convention Hall Commission, subject to the specific changes made in this Act concerning the status and operations of the Commission.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That new Sections 396 and 397 be and they are hereby added to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1966 Supplement), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," to be under the new subtitle "Ocean City Convention Hall Commission," to follow immediately after Section 395 of said Article, and all to read as follows:

Ocean City Convention Hall Commission

§96.

(a) *A State Commission to be known as "The Ocean City Convention Hall Commission" is created, with members, duties, powers and functions provided in this section.*

(b) *The Commission shall have five members to be appointed by the Governor for terms of five years, but for the first five years their terms shall be so arranged that the term of only one member shall expire in any year. At the expiration of their first appointed terms, they, or their successors, shall be appointed for terms of five years each. The Governor shall name one member as chairman and the Commission shall elect a vice chairman at its first organizational meeting. At least two of the members shall be either residents or owners of real property within the corporate limits of Ocean City. The presence of three members at any meeting shall be a quorum.*

(c) *The Commission shall be exempt from taxation by the State and local governments.*

(d) *The Commission shall acquire at no cost to the State or the Commission necessary land from the Mayor and Council of Ocean City and arrange for having a suitable structure erected thereon for housing religious, business and professional conventions, cultural conferences, industrial exhibits, trade shows, such other events that might further stimulate the tourist trade and the economy of the State of Maryland. The structure shall be known as "Ocean City Convention Hall." After completion of the structure, the Commission shall establish policy and adopt rules and regulations as necessary to assure successful operation thereof.*

(e) *Members of the Commission shall receive no salary, but may be paid such expenses as they deem reasonable and just by adopting for the record an order or regulation setting forth the procedure and method for payment of such expenses. The expense allowances for the members of the Commission and for the operations of the*