

been the owner of a hunter's license or an angler's license and has been a resident of the State for a period of at least three years prior to said appointment; and said person shall be well informed on the subject of wildlife conservation. [and restoration, especially wild waterfowl, birds, game, furbearing animals and inland fishes.]

No person shall serve as a member of the Commission for a period in excess of two full consecutive terms, provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall prevent a person's reappointment after the expiration of an intermittent period A TWO YEAR PERIOD.

(b) The members of the Commission shall hold office for terms of five (5) years and shall receive no compensation for their services as members thereof, except that each Commissioner shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary traveling expenses incurred or made by him in the discharge of his official duties to be paid from the State Game Protection Fund [.] within Budget limitations.

[(c) The Governor of Maryland shall designate one commissioner to serve for one year; one commissioner to serve for two years; one commissioner to serve for three years; one commissioner to serve for four years; and one commissioner to serve for five years; all of said terms shall begin on the first Monday in June, 1939. Thereafter such appointments of commissioners shall be for terms of five (5) years.]

[(d)] (c) Upon the death, resignation or removal from office of any person so appointed as aforesaid, the Governor shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. The Governor may remove a Commissioner for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office.

[(e)] (d) The Commission shall hold meetings at the office in Annapolis in July and January and at such times and places within the State as the Chairman and the Director may [appoint] designate with every consideration being given to periodically meeting in the several geographic regions of the State. At the meeting held in July, the Commission shall elect one of its members as Chairman, and one of its members as Vice Chairman. Such officers shall hold office for a period of one year. Three members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Provided, however, this subheading shall not change the status in any manner of the present members of said Commission except as otherwise provided herein.

114. Director.

(a) Appointment; salary; expenses; application of merit system to Director, officers and employees.—The Game and Inland Fish Commission of Maryland shall appoint, in accordance with the provisions of Article 64A, a Director who shall receive such salary as shall be provided in the budget, and he shall be entitled to traveling expenses, and all other expenses incurred when away from home in the discharge of his duties; provided, however, that the present Director, all officers and employees of the Department of Game and Inland Fish [Commission] shall be and remain under the merit system and no employee shall have his or her status under the merit system altered or changed.