

of such Commission, and to request AND REQUIRE appropriation of funds for the use of such Commission AND MATTERS GENERALLY RELATING THERETO.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,*

1. There is hereby created the Maryland Revolutionary War Bicentennial Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission." The Commission shall be composed of ~~ten~~ FIFTEEN members who shall be appointed by the Governor AND SERVE AT HIS PLEASURE. ~~Any member may be removed by the appointing authority for cause.~~ Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. OF THE INITIAL APPOINTMENT OF THE FIFTEEN MEMBERS, THREE SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR, THREE SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, THREE SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS, THREE SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, AND THREE SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS. AS THESE INITIAL TERMS EXPIRE, ALL MEMBERS SHALL MAY BE APPOINTED FOR TERMS OF FIVE YEARS EACH. A MEMBER MAY BE RE-APPOINTED TO A SUCCESSIVE TERM OR TERMS.

2. The ~~Commission~~ GOVERNOR may appoint honorary members, and TO THE COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION may establish an Advisory Council, composed of such persons as it deems especially interested in the commemoration to assist in its work. The Commission shall name five of its members to constitute an executive committee, which shall act for the Commission pursuant to its direction. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL ELECT THEIR CHAIRMAN WHO SHALL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION.

3. It shall be the duty of the Commission to develop and coordinate plans of public and private agencies for commemorating the bicentennial of the American Revolution. All agencies of the State and all political subdivisions are authorized to cooperate with the Commission for the furtherance of the commemoration. In planning and organizing the commemoration, the Commission shall give emphasis, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED, to the following:

- (a) Significant events preceding the American Revolution.
- (b) Coordination of its activities with similar activities of other states and the Federal government, as well as local, public and private agencies;
- (c) Encouragement and assistance to local governing bodies, patriotic societies, historical societies and other interested groups and organizations in developing commemorative programs;
- (d) Development of a program of scholarly publications, including source materials from the public records of Maryland, which should be published in popular editions, where appropriate and practicable;
- (e) Encouragement, where possible, of the development of scenic parkways to promote the preservation and appreciation of Maryland's shrines and historic sites;