

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 607 (b) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Allegany County, (1963 Edition, being Article 1 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Allegany County," subtitle "Upper Potomac River District," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(b) The Commission shall be composed of three members; one shall be appointed by the County Commissioners of Garrett County and one by the County Commissioners of Allegany County, and the third shall be named by the Governor of Maryland, the first appointments hereunder to be made on or before May 1, 1935, upon which date the terms of office shall begin. All appointees shall be residents and taxpayers of Allegany and Garrett Counties and shall serve for six years, or until their successors are appointed and have qualified, except that the first members appointed by the County Commissioners of Garrett County and Allegany County shall serve for terms of two and four years, respectively, and their successors for six years, so that the terms of one member of the Commission shall expire biennially. Upon the expiration of the terms of the members of said Commission, their successors shall be named in the same manner as the original appointments were made, except that each appointment shall be for a term of six years. Any vacancy occurring at any time in the personnel of the Commission shall be filled for the unexpired term by the agency making the original appointment. All members shall serve without compensation but they shall be allowed any reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties under this subtitle. The Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Commission. In the event that either or both Boards of County Commissioners shall fail to neglect to appoint a member of the Upper Potomac River Commission, as hereinbefore provided, then the Governor shall make such appointment or appointments for the full term or terms of such member or members. The Commission shall appoint, discharge at pleasure, and fix the compensation of 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 subtitle. The Commission for the convenience of the citizens of said District may establish an office at a convenient place in the District. The Commission shall annually publish in at least one newspaper in Allegany County a full and true account of its receipts, expenses and expenditures. [Prior to said publication, said accounts shall be fully audited by the State Auditor of the State of Maryland, who shall be paid such compensation by the Commission as is paid the Auditor for auditing other State Accounts; provided, however, said Commission may in addition to said State Auditor, employ a certified public accountant to audit its books and accounts.] *Prior to publication the books and accounts of the Commission shall be audited by a Certified Public Accountant, and the Commission may contract with a Certified Public Accountant for that purpose.* The 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 and shall furnish upon request copies of its actual statement of receipts, expenses and expenditures, at a nominal charge to cover the actual cost of preparing such a statement.