

(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] or the Director may 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.

(e) *The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fish, ~~advising the Director on all matters submitted by him to the Commission.~~*

(f) *Except for the advisory function as provided for in this section, all other powers and duties exercised and performed by the Commission or its Chairman pursuant to any provisions of law shall, from and after July 1, 1969, be exercised and performed by the Director.*

## 114.

(a) The [Game and Inland Fish Commission of Maryland] Governor, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Natural Resources, shall appoint [, in accordance with the provisions of Article 64A,] a Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fish 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 shall be and remain as employees of the Department under the merit system and no employee shall have his or her status under the merit system altered or changed.

(b) The Director shall have charge of, direct, supervise, and control all employees of the Department. *He shall exercise all powers and duties conferred by law upon the Department.*

(c) The Director shall have authority to have printed the annual report of the [Commission] Department, and such bulletins, literature, posters, licenses and other printing as may be necessary to the work of the Department and Commission.

(d) It shall be the duty of the [Commissioners, the] Director [,] and wildlife officers to prosecute all persons and corporations having in their possession any game or inland fish contrary to the laws of this State. It shall be their duty to see that the game and fish laws are enforced, and that the provisions of Sections 21, 154, and 579 of Article 27 of this Code, as amended from time to time, be enforced.

## 115.

(a) Having a due regard for the distribution, abundance, economic value and breeding habits of wild birds, wild animals and fish, in inland waters, the [Commission] Director is hereby vested with