

areas of the State where population so demands. On or before August 1, 1969, the members of the Commission then serving shall draw lots to determine the length of their respective terms of office. One member shall serve a seven-year term of office, one member shall serve a six-year term of office, one member shall serve a five-year term of office, one member shall serve a four-year term of office, one member shall serve a three-year term of office, one member shall serve a two-year term of office and one member shall serve a one-year term of office.] *The Maryland Veterans Commission shall be part of the State Department of Employment and Social Services.* Members shall be eligible for reappointment to the Commission. *All persons who are members of the Commission as of August 31, 1970, shall continue to serve as members until the expiration of the terms to which they were appointed.* All [subsequent] appointments to the Commission shall be for seven-year terms. The department commander of the American Legion, the department commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the department commander of the Disabled American Veterans, the department commander of the Spanish-American War Veterans, the department commander of the World War I Veterans, the department commander of the Catholic War Veterans and the department commander of the Jewish War Veterans shall constitute an advisory committee to the Commission, who shall serve at the pleasure of the [Governor] *Secretary of Employment and Social Services*, without vote.

The members of the Commission as thus constituted shall serve without pay; members of the Commission shall be paid actual traveling expenses necessitated by their duties, when authorized and approved by the Commission.

The Maryland Veterans Commission, *subject to the provisions of Article 41, Section 205C of this Code*, shall make such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary for administration and disbursement of such veterans' relief funds as are provided for in the budget, and the State Service Officer, hereinafter provided for, shall approve all bills and vouchers before payment by the Comptroller.

There shall be a committee of seven persons, to be known as the advisory Maryland veterans committee, composed of the current department commanders, respectively, of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, the Spanish-American War Veterans, the World War I Veterans, the Catholic War Veterans and the Jewish War Veterans. The members of such committee shall serve without pay and the committee shall advise and work with the Maryland Veterans Commission in the duties imposed upon them by this subtitle, but shall not be members of the Commission.

SEC. 8. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That all persons who are as of August 31, 1970 members of boards or commissions, officers and employees of all departments, divisions, boards, commissions and agencies included within the Department of Employment and Social Services are hereby confirmed in the office, position and classification which they hold as of August 31, 1970 as members, officers and employees of such departments, divisions, boards, commissions and agencies, except as otherwise provided in this Act or until they retire, resign or are removed as provided by law, or until