

"PUBLIC WORKS," SUBTITLE "ARTISTIC PROPERTY," BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY REPEALED AND REENACTED, WITH AMENDMENTS, TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(A) THE [BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS] SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, SHALL APPOINT THREE PERSONS AS A COMMISSION ON ARTISTIC PROPERTY, TO KEEP A CONTINUING INVENTORY OF VALUABLE PAINTINGS AND OTHER DECORATIVE ARTS IN ALL STATE BUILDINGS AND PREMISES IN THE ANNAPOLIS AREA; SAID COMMISSION TO BE PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES. THE COMMISSION ALSO SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE LOCATION, PROPER CARE, CUSTODY, RESTORATION, DISPLAY, AND PRESERVATION OF THESE PAINTINGS AND OTHER DECORATIVE ARTS.

(B) THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE [BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS] SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES. THEY SHALL RECEIVE NO SALARY BUT MAY BE COMPENSATED FROM TIME TO TIME FOR REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE DISCHARGE OF THEIR DUTIES. FROM TIME TO TIME THE SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, SHALL APPOINT ONE MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION TO SERVE AS ITS CHAIRMAN.

(C) THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE SUCH STAFF AND FUNDS AS PROVIDED IN THE BUDGET. ALSO, AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES OR THE GOVERNOR, THE COMMISSION, ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, MAY RECEIVE AND ACCEPT GIFTS AND LOANS OF PAINTINGS AND OTHER DECORATIVE ARTS, THEREAFTER CARING FOR THESE OBJECTS AS PART OF THE COMMISSION'S REGULAR DUTIES.

(D) THE COMMISSION, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, MAY ACCEPT GIFTS OF MONEY FROM ANY SOURCE, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, AND THEREAFTER ADMINISTER AND EXPEND THE FUNDS ACCORDING TO THE CONDITIONS AND TERMS OF THE GIFT.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That all persons who are as of July 31, 1970, members, officers and employees of all departments, offices, boards, commissions and agencies included within the Department of General Services are hereby confirmed in the office, position and classification which they hold as of July 31, 1970, as members, officers and employees of such departments, offices, 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 the terms to which they were appointed expire. JULY 31, 1970, CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF ANY DEPARTMENT, BOARD, COMMISSION, OFFICE, OR AGENCY ABOLISHED BY THIS ACT ARE HEREBY TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES CREATED HEREIN, WITHOUT ANY CHANGE OR LOSS OF RIGHTS OR STATUS, AND SHALL RETAIN THEIR MERIT SYSTEM STATUS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, AND ALL