

1968 Replacement Volume), title "Licenses," subtitle "Real Estate Brokers," be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments and new Section 215A be and it is hereby added to the same Article, title, and subtitle to follow immediately after Section 215 thereof, all to read as follows :

213.

(a) The Real Estate Commission of Maryland is created *and shall be a part of the Department of Licensing and Regulation*. The Commission shall consist of seven members, five of whom shall be residents respectively of (1) one of the nine counties (Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset) of the Eastern Shore; (2) one of the four counties (Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Howard) of Central Maryland; (3) Baltimore City; (4) one of the five counties (Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's) of Southern Maryland; and (5) one of the five counties (Montgomery, Frederick, Washington, Allegany, Garrett) of Western Maryland. Two other members shall be appointed from the State of Maryland, at large. [Until May 31, 1967, the chief of the License Bureau of the State of Maryland shall serve as one of the two members appointed from the State at large, and shall act as chairman of the Commission.]

(c) The present members of the Commission shall continue to serve for the terms for which they were respectively appointed, [except the chief of the license bureau of the State of Maryland, who shall continue to serve as chairman of the Commission until May 31, 1967.] From time to time upon the occurring of vacancies upon the Commission, as now constituted, whether such vacancies shall happen by reason of the expiration of the terms for which the members of said Commission were appointed, respectively, or by reason of any other cause, the Governor, *with the advice of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation and* [shall,] with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland, *shall* appoint a person to fill each vacancy thus occurring, so that said Commission shall continue to consist of seven persons as aforesaid. Each person so appointed shall be appointed for a term of four years, beginning as of June 1 in the year in which appointed, or in case of a vacancy occurring during the term for which any member of said Commission may have been appointed, then for the unexpired portion of said term. Every appointment shall be for the period indicated, or until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

214.

(a) The Commission, *subject to the approval of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation*, shall employ [and may discharge at its pleasure] an executive director and such assistants as may be necessary and do all other things deemed necessary to discharge the duties imposed by and to effect the purposes of this subtitle, *who shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission. Said persons may be removed without cause by either the Commission or the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation, provided that the Commission shall not remove said persons without the approval of the Secretary of Licensing and Regulation*. The executive director shall possess a broad knowledge of the generally accepted practices in the real estate business in this State and be reasonably well informed as to the