

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 213(a), 213(b) and 213(c) of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Licenses," subtitle "Real Estate Brokers," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: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, *subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section.*

(b) In each instance, members of the Commission shall have been citizens and residents of the particular area for which appointed, respectively, for not less than the five years next preceding their appointment to the Commission; and, at the time of appointment, and for a period of not less than the ten years next preceding appointment, each member, except until May 31, 1967, the chief of the license bureau, shall be and shall have been licensed under this subtitle either as a real estate broker or as a real estate salesman. However, [two members may be appointed from the public at large without regard to the particular area for which appointed.] *the two members to be appointed from the public at large SHALL NOT BE ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF REAL ESTATE. shall be residents of areas designated by the Governor as areas requiring greater attention by the Commission without regard to the particular area for which appointed and these two members shall not be required to be or to have been real estate brokers or salesmen.*

(c) The present members of the Commission shall continue to serve for the terms for which they were respectively appointed, 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 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] *three* 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.