

sion, known as the "Maryland Veterans Commission," to be composed of [seven] *nine* Maryland veterans, one of whom shall be designated by the Secretary of Employment and Social Services as chairman. *Each congressional district shall be represented, and one member shall be an at-large member.* 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 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 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. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the provisions of this Act shall not be construed to extend or apply to the tenure of those members of the Veterans Commission in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act shall take effect with the next term of office.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved May 6, 1971.