

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, TO SERVE AS EX-OFFICIO, NON-VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

(D) WHEN A VACANCY ON THE COMMISSION OCCURS FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN THE NORMAL EXPIRATION OF A TERM OF OFFICE, A MEMBER SHALL BE PROMPTLY APPOINTED IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED ABOVE, EXCEPT THAT IN THE CASE OF SUCH A VACANCY, THE ORGANIZATIONS SUBMITTING LISTS TO THE GOVERNOR NEED NOT SUBMIT SUCH LISTS THREE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DATE FOR MAKING APPOINTMENTS, PROVIDED THEY MEET THE GOVERNOR'S REASONABLE REQUEST FOR SUCH A LIST.

(E) THE FULL COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT LEAST TWICE EACH YEAR. IF, FOR ANY REASON, ALL ELEVEN MEMBERS ARE NOT PRESENT AT MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION, BUSINESS MAY BE CONDUCTED IF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS ARE PRESENT. A DECISION OF THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT SHALL BE A DECISION OF THE COMMISSION. THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A CHAIRMAN TO SERVE FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMISSION. THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL CHOOSE FROM AMONG ITS NUMBER A CHAIRMAN AND A VICE-CHAIRMAN BY MAJORITY VOTE, WHO SHALL HOLD THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICES FOR TWO YEARS AND UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE CHOSEN. SUCH OFFICERS MAY SUCCEED THEMSELVES.

811.

THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO EMPLOY ~~[[AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND]]~~ SUCH ~~[[OTHER]]~~ PERSONS AS THE COMMISSION DEEMS NECESSARY TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES AND EXERCISE ITS POWERS. THE COMPENSATION OF ~~[[THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND OF]]~~ SUCH ~~[[OTHER]]~~ HELP SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET. THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO ESTABLISH SUCH ADVISORY COMMITTEES AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES AND EXERCISE ITS POWERS.

812.

(A) IN ORDER TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, THE COMMISSION ON HEREDITARY DISORDERS SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO:

~~[[A]]~~ (1) ESTABLISH AND PROMULGATE RULES, REGULATIONS, AND STANDARDS FOR ~~[[SERVICES ON]]~~ THE DETECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF HEREDITARY DISORDERS ~~[[PROVIDED]]~~ IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND;

~~[[B]]~~ (2) GATHER AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION TO FURTHER THE PUBLIC'S UNDERSTANDING OF HEREDITARY DISORDERS;

~~[[C]]~~ (3) ESTABLISH SYSTEMS FOR RECORDING INFORMATION OBTAINED IN PROGRAMS REGULATED BY THE COMMISSION;