

AND IV-8 OR REQUESTING, ACCEPTING OR DISPOSING OF FUNDS, SERVICES, OR OTHER PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH, ARTICLES V(G), V(H), OR VII SHALL BE VALID UNLESS TAKEN AT A MEETING AT WHICH A MAJORITY OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES ON THE COMMISSION IS CAST IN FAVOR THEREOF. ALL OTHER ACTION SHALL BE BY A MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING: PROVIDED THAT ACTION OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE ONLY AT A MEETING AT WHICH A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSIONERS, OR THEIR ALTERNATES, IS PRESENT. THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN SUCH FACILITIES AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE TRANSACTING OF ITS BUSINESS. THE COMMISSION MAY ACQUIRE, HOLD, AND CONVEY REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AND ANY INTEREST THEREIN.

(C) THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE A SEAL.

(D) THE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT ANNUALLY, FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS, A CHAIRMAN, A VICE-CHAIRMAN, AND A TREASURER. THE COMMISSION SHALL APPOINT AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND FIX HIS DUTIES AND COMPENSATION. SUCH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COMMISSION. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE TREASURER, AND SUCH OTHER PERSONNEL AS THE COMMISSION SHALL DESIGNATE SHALL BE BONDED. THE AMOUNT OR AMOUNTS OF SUCH BOND OR BONDS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSION.

(E) IRRESPECTIVE OF THE CIVIL SERVICE, PERSONNEL OR OTHER MERIT SYSTEM LAWS OF ANY OF THE PARTY STATES, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION, SHALL APPOINT, REMOVE OR DISCHARGE SUCH PERSONNEL AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE COMMISSION'S FUNCTIONS, AND SHALL FIX THE DUTIES AND COMPENSATION OF SUCH PERSONNEL.

(F) THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN INDEPENDENTLY OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH A PARTY STATE, A SUITABLE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR ITS EMPLOYEES. EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE IN RESPECT OF OLD AGE AND SURVIVOR'S INSURANCE PROVIDED THAT THE COMMISSION TAKES SUCH STEPS AS MAY BE NECESSARY PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH PROGRAM OF INSURANCE AS A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OR UNIT. THE COMMISSION MAY ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN OR PARTICIPATE IN SUCH ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AS IT MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE.

(G) THE COMMISSION MAY BORROW, ACCEPT OR CONTRACT FOR THE SERVICES OF PERSONNEL FROM ANY STATE, THE UNITED STATES, OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, OR FROM ANY PERSON, FIRM, ASSOCIATION OR CORPORATION.

(H) THE COMMISSION MAY ACCEPT FOR ANY OF ITS PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONS UNDER THIS COMPACT ANY AND ALL DONATIONS, AND GRANTS OF MONEY, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, MATERIALS AND SERVICES, CONDITIONAL OR OTHERWISE, FROM ANY STATE, THE UNITED STATES, OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, OR FROM ANY PERSON, FIRM,