

to read as follows:

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and
Administrative Departments

Commission on Afro-American [and Indian]
History and Culture

409.

(a) The Commission on Afro-American [and Indian] History and Culture is created as an independent agency within the State government. It shall be referred to as the "Commission."

(b) (1) The Commission shall consist of nine members appointed by the Governor. The appointees shall represent the entire Maryland community, and they shall have knowledge of Afro-American [and Indian] Culture and History[, respectively]; be sensitive to the problems of minority communities; and be connected with agencies working to integrate minority history and culture into the history of Maryland and our American culture.

(2) The Governor, from time to time, shall designate a chairman and vice-chairman from among the members of the Commission.

(3) The Commission shall meet at the call of either the chairman or a majority of the members.

(4) MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL RECEIVE NO COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SERVICES AS SUCH, BUT THEY MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR PROPER AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE DISCHARGE OF THEIR DUTIES ON THE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD TRAVEL REGULATIONS.

(c) The Commission shall:

(1) Initiate, direct, and coordinate projects which further the understanding of [both] black [and Indian] history and culture;

(2) Continue the survey of historic buildings, sites, artifacts, archives and repositories, and publish and disseminate these findings and information;

[(3) Undertake a comprehensive study of indigenous American Indian tribes and their influence upon Maryland history and culture;]

[(4)] (3) Coordinate the participation of black [and Indian] groups [respectively] in the American bicentennial observance by establishing a liaison with appropriate State and historical and cultural agencies and other organizations throughout the State, and implementing Commission-sponsored projects;