

Section 409-I
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 409-I be and it is hereby added to Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and
Administrative Departments

409-I. COMMISSION ON INDIAN [[HISTORY AND CULTURE]]
APPAIRS.

(A) THE COMMISSION ON INDIAN [[HISTORY AND CULTURE]] APPAIRS IS CREATED AS AN [[INDEPENDENT]] AGENCY [[WITHIN]] IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OF 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 THE INDIAN COMMUNITIES IN THIS STATE, AND THEY SHALL HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF INDIAN CULTURE AND HISTORY, RESPECTIVELY; BE SENSITIVE TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE INDIAN COMMUNITIES; AND BE CONNECTED WITH AGENCIES WORKING TO INTEGRATE INDIAN HISTORY AND CULTURE INTO THE HISTORY OF MARYLAND AND OUR AMERICAN CULTURE.]]

(B) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF NINE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, A MAJORITY OF WHOM SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITIES OF THIS STATE. THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF INDIAN CULTURE AND HISTORY, AND BE SENSITIVE TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE INDIAN COMMUNITIES.

(2) 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.

(3) THE GOVERNOR, FROM TIME TO TIME, SHALL DESIGNATE A CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

(4) THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT THE CALL OF EITHER THE CHAIRMAN OR A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS.

(C) THE COMMISSION SHALL:

(1) INITIATE, DIRECT, AND COORDINATE PROJECTS WHICH FURTHER THE UNDERSTANDING OF INDIAN