

(House Bill 458)

AN ACT concerning

Human Relations Commission - Members,
Employees and Powers

FOR the purpose of changing the size of the Maryland Human Relations Commission and the terms of its members; changing the powers, duties, and compensation of the members; changing the manner of appointing certain employees of the Commission and their powers, duties, and compensation; authorizing the appointment of hearing examiners to hear cases under the Human Relations law and providing for the powers, duties, and compensation of the examiners; providing for an appeal from the decisions of the hearing examiner to the Commission; authorizing the Commission to award certain ~~damages~~ relief; and relating to the Human Relations Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 49B - Human Relations Commission
Section 1, 2, 3, 14(a) and ~~(e)~~ (e), (f) and (g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 1, 2, 3, 14(a) and ~~(e)~~ (e), (f) and (g) of Article 49B - Human Relations Commission, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 49B - Human Relations Commission

1.

(A) There is hereby created a Commission on Human Relations to consist of [twelve] NINE members who shall be appointed by the Governor for a term of six years, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. THREE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE APPOINTED TO INITIAL TERMS OF TWO YEARS EACH; THREE MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR INITIAL TERMS OF FOUR YEARS EACH; AND THREE MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR INITIAL TERMS OF SIX YEARS EACH; AND THEREAFTER ALL MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR SIX YEAR TERMS. [The Governor shall designate the chairman of said Commission.] THE COMMISSION SHALL DESIGNATE ONE OF ITS MEMBERS AS CHAIRMAN. In case of any vacancy, the Governor shall appoint a successor for the unexpired term. [As of June 1, 1963, the vacancies which occur in the membership of said Commission, either by expiration of the term of appointment or otherwise, shall be filled according to the following residence requirements such that within six years following June 1, 1963, the