

business, corporation, partnership, copartnership, association contemplated by this section so long as the denial is not based upon discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, color, creed, or national origin, marital status, or physical or mental handicap.

[12.] 9.

(a) Any person claiming to be aggrieved by an alleged discrimination prohibited by any section of this [article] ARTICLE may make, sign and file with the Human Relations Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") a complaint in writing under oath. The complaint shall state the name and address of the person, firm, association, partnership, corporation, state agency, department or board alleged to have committed the act of discrimination together with the particulars thereof; and the complaint also shall contain such other information as may be required from time to time by the Commission. A complaint must be filed within six months from the date of the occurrence alleged to be a violation of this [article] ARTICLE. A complaint filed with the federal or with a local human relations commission within six months from the date of occurrence shall be deemed to have complied with the provisions of this section.

(b) Whenever the Commission has received reliable information from any individual or individuals that any person has been engaged or is engaged in any discriminatory practice within the scope of this [article] ARTICLE, and after a preliminary investigation by the Commission's staff authorized by the chairman or vice-chairman it is satisfied that said information warrants the filing of a complaint, the Commission, on its own motion, and by action of not less than [four] THREE commissioners, may issue a complaint in its name in the same manner as if the complaint had been filed by an individual.

(c) The Commission shall meet at least once each month. In addition, the chairman or a majority of the Commission shall have the right at any time to call special meetings of the Commission upon five (5) days notice to the members thereof. The Commission shall establish procedures for the conduct of said meetings.

[16.] 13.

(a) During the investigation of any complaint alleging a violation of §§ [11, 11B, 17, 18, 19, or 23] 5, 7, 14, 15, 16, OR 22 of this article, and until said matters reach the stage of public hearings, the activities of all members of the Commission and employees thereof in connection with said investigation shall be conducted in confidence and without publicity, and the Commission shall hold confidential any information in relation thereto, including the identity of the complainant and the respondent, except that

(i) Any information may be released at any time if the release has been agreed to in writing by both