

OF THE PARTY STATES AND BY ANY PERSONS AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMISSION.

F. AUDIT AND INSPECTION BY GOVERNMENTS CONTRIBUTING SUPPORT.

NOTHING CONTAINED HEREIN SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PREVENT COMMISSION COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS RELATING TO AUDIT OR INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS BY OR ON BEHALF OF ANY GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTING TO THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMISSION.

ARTICLE VIII. ELIGIBLE PARTIES; ENTRY INTO AND WITHDRAWAL.

A. ELIGIBLE PARTIES; "GOVERNOR" DEFINED.

THIS COMPACT SHALL HAVE AS ELIGIBLE PARTIES ALL STATES, TERRITORIES, AND POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO. IN RESPECT OF ANY SUCH JURISDICTION NOT HAVING A GOVERNOR, THE TERM "GOVERNOR," AS USED IN THIS COMPACT, SHALL MEAN THE CLOSEST EQUIVALENT OFFICIAL OF SUCH JURISDICTION.

B. ENTRY INTO COMPACT; TIME OF INITIAL EFFECT.

ANY STATE OR OTHER ELIGIBLE JURISDICTION MAY ENTER INTO THIS COMPACT AND IT SHALL BECOME BINDING THEREON WHEN IT HAS ADOPTED THE SAME; PROVIDED, THAT IN ORDER TO ENTER INTO INITIAL EFFECT, ADOPTION BY AT LEAST TEN ELIGIBLE PARTY JURISDICTIONS SHALL BE REQUIRED.

C. METHODS OF ADOPTION.

ADOPTION OF THE COMPACT MAY BE EITHER BY ENACTMENT THEREOF OR BY ADHERENCE THERETO BY THE GOVERNOR; PROVIDED THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF ENACTMENT, ADHERENCE BY THE GOVERNOR SHALL BE SUFFICIENT TO MAKE HIS STATE A PARTY ONLY UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1967. DURING ANY PERIOD WHEN A STATE IS PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPACT THROUGH GUBERNATORIAL ACTION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THOSE PERSONS WHO, IN ADDITION TO HIMSELF, SHALL SERVE AS THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION FROM HIS STATE, AND SHALL PROVIDE TO THE COMMISSION AN EQUITABLE SHARE OF THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE COMMISSION FROM ANY SOURCE AVAILABLE TO HIM.

D. WITHDRAWAL.

EXCEPT FOR A WITHDRAWAL EFFECTIVE ON DECEMBER 31, 1967 IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH C OF THIS ARTICLE, ANY PARTY STATE MAY WITHDRAW FROM THIS COMPACT BY ENACTING A STATUTE REPEALING THE SAME, BUT NO SUCH WITHDRAWAL SHALL TAKE EFFECT UNTIL ONE YEAR AFTER THE GOVERNOR OF THE WITHDRAWING STATE HAS GIVEN NOTICE IN WRITING OF THE WITHDRAWAL TO THE GOVERNORS OF ALL OTHER PARTY STATES. NO WITHDRAWAL SHALL AFFECT ANY LIABILITY ALREADY INCURRED BY OR CHARGEABLE TO A PARTY STATE PRIOR TO THE TIME OF SUCH WITHDRAWAL.

ARTICLE IX. CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY.