

THE COMMISSION AND TO THIS END SHALL ADOPT SUITABLE BYLAWS. THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE A CHAIRMAN AND A VICE CHAIRMAN, CHOSEN BY THE RESPECTIVE DELEGATION, WHOSE OFFICES SHALL ALTERNATE ANNUALLY BETWEEN THE SIGNATORY STATES AND MAY AT NO TIME BE HELD BY MEMBERS FROM THE SAME SIGNATORY. A MEMBER FROM THE STATE OF MARYLAND SHALL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN FOR EACH YEAR WHOSE LAST NUMERICAL DIGIT IS EVEN AND DURING THAT YEAR A MEMBER FROM VIRGINIA SHALL BE VICE CHAIRMAN. A MEMBER FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA SHALL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN FOR EACH YEAR WHOSE LAST NUMERICAL DIGIT IS ODD AND DURING THAT YEAR A MEMBER FROM MARYLAND SHALL SERVE AS VICE CHAIRMAN. THE COMMISSION MAY MAINTAIN ONE OR MORE OFFICES FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ITS BUSINESS. THE COMMISSION MAY, WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CIVIL SERVICE OR THE LAWS OF ANY SIGNATORY RELATIVE TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, CREATE AND ABOLISH OFFICES, EMPLOYMENTS, AND POSITIONS AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE COMMISSION, AFFIX AND PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES, CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT, REMOVAL, TERM, COMPENSATION, AND OTHER RIGHTS AND BENEFITS OF THE COMMISSION'S OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, AND SHALL APPOINT THE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION AND ALLOCATE AMONG THEM ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS, POWERS, AND DUTIES. THE COMMISSION MAY DELEGATE TO THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMISSION ANY POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT AS IT DEEMS SUITABLE, EXCEPT THAT IT MAY NOT DELEGATE ITS POWER TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE RESPECTIVE LEGISLATURES, TO ISSUE REPORTS OR TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL EXPENSE BUDGET.

ARTICLE II
PURPOSES, POWERS AND DUTIES.

7. PURPOSES.

THE PURPOSES OF THE SIGNATORIES IN ENACTING THIS AGREEMENT ARE TO ASSIST THE LEGISLATURES OF MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA IN EVALUATING AND RESPONDING TO PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL CONCERN RELATING TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY; TO PROMOTE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION; TO ENCOURAGE COOPERATIVE COORDINATED RESOURCE PLANNING AND ACTION BY THE SIGNATORIES AND THEIR AGENCIES; TO PROVIDE, WHERE APPROPRIATE, THROUGH RECOMMENDATION TO THE RESPECTIVE LEGISLATURE, UNIFORMITY OF LEGISLATIVE APPLICATION; TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE THE FUNCTIONS, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF EXISTING OFFICES AND AGENCIES OF GOVERNMENT; AND TO RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE EXISTING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PRESENT AND FUTURE INHABITANTS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY REGION.

8. POWERS.

IN PURSUIT OF THE PURPOSES AND DUTIES SET FORTH IN THIS ARTICLE, THE COMMISSION MAY EXERCISE THE FOLLOWING POWERS:

1. THE COMMISSION MAY COLLECT, COMPILE, ANALYZE, INTERPRET, COORDINATE, TABULATE, SUMMARIZE, AND DISTRIBUTE TECHNICAL AND OTHER DATA RELATIVE TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ITS ENVIRONS. IT MAY CONDUCT OR CONTRACT FOR STUDIES,