

CHAPTER 729

(Senate Bill 779)

AN ACT concerning

Public Service Commission - Membership of
Commission and Tenure

FOR the purpose of removing the provision allowing a commissioner to become a State resident upon taking office; requiring the members of the Public Service Commission to serve full time; clarifying the selection of the chairman of the Commission; and providing for the term and tenure of members of the Public Service Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law
Section 5 and 6
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 78 - Public Service Commission Law

5.

The Commission consists of five commissioners, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, one of whom shall be the chairman. The Commission shall be broadly representative of the public interest, and shall be composed of persons with diverse training or experience. Each commissioner upon taking office shall be ~~er promptly--become~~ a resident and registered voter of Maryland and shall remain such during his term of office. [Three of the commissioners shall serve full time. The remaining two commissioners need not be full-time.] EACH COMMISSIONER SHALL SERVE FULL TIME. The office of chairman shall be filled initially, at the expiration of each term, and upon an earlier vacancy in the office[,] by a person nominated as such by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Commissioners [shall be] ARE eligible for reappointment.

6.

[(a)] The term of each commissioner [shall be six] IS 5 years [from] AND SHALL BEGIN ON the expiration of his predecessor's term. A commissioner, including the chairman,