

At any time after a complaint has been filed, if the Commission believes that appropriate civil action is necessary to preserve the status of the parties or to prevent irreparable harm from the time the complaint is filed until the time of its final disposition, the Commission may bring action to obtain a temporary injunction. The action shall be brought in the circuit court for the county[, or Baltimore City,] where the place of public accommodation which is the subject of the alleged discrimination is located, or where the unlawful employment practice is alleged to have occurred, or where the dwelling which is the subject of the alleged discrimination is located.

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(d) In the administration and enforcement of the provisions of these several subtitles, the Commission has power to administer oaths and to issue subpoenas, to compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books, papers, records and documents relevant or necessary for proceedings under the particular subtitle. Any such subpoena shall be served by the sheriff or deputy sheriff of the political subdivision in which is located the residence of the person or the main office of the firm, association, partnership or corporation against whom or which the subpoena is issued. In case of disobedience to a subpoena, the Commission may apply to a circuit court in any county [or to a court of appropriate jurisdiction in the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City] for an order requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books, papers, records, and documents. In case of contumacy or refusal to obey a subpoena for the attendance of a witness or the production of books, papers, records, and documents, after notice to the person subpoenaed as a witness or directed to produce books, papers, records and documents, and upon a finding that the attendance and testimony of the witness or the production of the books, papers, records and documents is relevant or necessary for the proceedings of the Commission, the court may issue an order requiring the attendance and testimony of the witness and the production of the books, papers, records and documents. Any failure to obey such an order of the court may be punished by the court as a contempt thereof.

Article 54 - Hall of Records

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Every State, county, city, town or other public official in the State in custody of public records or documents is hereby authorized and empowered, in his discretion, to turn over to the Commission and deposit for preservation any original papers, official books, records, documents, files, newspapers, printed books, or portraits,