

The Commission to Revise the Annotated Code notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that inclusion of 2 legislators on the Commission on Hereditary Disorders as voting members may be in contravention of Article 8 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights, which requires separation of powers among the branches of government, and Article III, § 11 of the State Constitution, which makes an individual holding a civil office ineligible to serve in the General Assembly. See 61 Op. Att'y Gen. 152 (1976).

The second sentence of former Article 43, § 815(b), which related to the manner of appointment, is deleted as surplusage.

Defined terms: "Commission" § 13-101
 "Department" § 1-101 "Secretary" § 1-101
 "Hereditary disorder" § 13-101
 "Physician" § 1-101

13-105. OFFICERS.

FROM AMONG ITS VOTING MEMBERS, THE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT EVERY 2 YEARS A CHAIRMAN AND A VICE CHAIRMAN.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the fifth sentence of former Article 43, § 815(e).

The word "voting" is added since the rest of former Article 43, § 815(e) appeared to apply only to the 11 voting members.

The former reference to election by "majority vote" is deleted as unnecessary.

The fourth sentence of former Article 43, § 815(e), which provided for the first Commission chairman, is deleted as obsolete.

The sixth sentence of former Article 43, § 815(e), which enabled these officers to succeed themselves, is deleted as unnecessary. As a general rule, the right to serve successive terms is not limited, absent an express provision to the contrary.

Defined term: "Commission" § 13-101

13-106. QUORUM; MEETINGS; COMPENSATION; STAFF.

(A) QUORUM.

A MAJORITY OF THE FULL AUTHORIZED VOTING MEMBERSHIP OF