

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article — Public Utility Companies~~

~~Section 2-201.1~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1998 Volume and 2005 Supplement)~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Public Utility Companies

2-102.

(a) The Commission consists of five commissioners[, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate] APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) ~~ONE COMMISSIONER~~ TWO COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

(2) ~~ONE COMMISSIONER~~ TWO COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES; AND

(3) ONE COMMISSIONER APPOINTED BY THE ~~ATTORNEY GENERAL~~; AND

(4) ~~TWO COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.~~

(b) (1) Each commissioner shall be a registered voter of the State.

(2) ~~[The Commission shall be broadly representative of the public interest and shall be composed of individuals with diverse training and experience.]~~
~~EACH COMMISSIONER MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATION AND MAY NOT BE APPOINTED AS REPRESENTING OR SUPPORTING ANY SPECIAL INTEREST.~~

~~(3) A COMMISSIONER MAY NOT HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED BY A PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMISSION.~~

(c) Each commissioner shall devote full time to the duties of office.

(d) (1) The term of a commissioner is 5 years and begins on ~~July 1~~ APRIL 10.

(2) The terms of commissioners are staggered as required by the terms in effect for commissioners on [October 1, 1998] ~~JULY 1~~ APRIL 10, 2006.

(3) At the end of a term, a commissioner continues to serve until a successor qualifies.

(4) A commissioner who is appointed after a term has begun serves for the rest of the term and until a successor qualifies.

(e) Before taking office, each appointee to the Commission shall take the oath required by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.