

(i) The Commission does not abrogate the current powers and duties of any department or secretary of any department of this State.

(ii) The Commission consists of 10 members appointed by the Governor. The Governor's appointments shall be upon the recommendation of the local governing body. Of the 10 members, the following shall be ex officio members:

1. The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene or his designee;
2. The Secretary of Natural Resources or his designee; and
3. The Secretary of State Planning or his designee.

(iii) Of the 10 members, the seven appointed members shall represent the following local governing bodies:

1. Anne Arundel County;
2. Calvert County;
3. Charles County;
4. Howard County;
5. Montgomery County;
6. Prince George's County; and
7. St. Mary's County.

(iv) The term of an appointed member is 4 years. At the end of a term a member continues to serve until a successor qualifies and is appointed. A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor qualifies and is appointed.

(v) From among its members, the Commission shall elect a chairman.

(6) In addition to the powers and duties set forth elsewhere in this subtitle, the Commission has the following powers and duties:

(i) To review annually the operation of State and local agencies;

(ii) To provide a clearinghouse for information on the Patuxent River Watershed;