

but thereafter commissioners shall be appointed as aforesaid for a term of office of five years except that all vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term. However, in Anne Arundel County, from and after July 1, 1977, the authority created pursuant to § 23 of this article shall be composed of seven persons. The five persons serving as commissioners of the authority on July 1, 1977 shall continue to serve until their respective terms expire and their successors have been appointed and qualified. The county executive shall designate two additional persons to serve as commissioners, one of whom shall be appointed for a term of one year and the other for a term of two years, from their respective dates of appointment. Thereafter their successors shall be appointed for terms of five years each except that vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term. No commissioner of an authority may be an employee (except a professional educational employee of the city school system or, in Baltimore City, an employee of the department of housing and community development or of any city agency succeeding to its functions) or an elected officer of the city for which the authority is created. However, in Somerset County, members of the councils of incorporated cities may serve as commissioners of the housing authority of their city. A commissioner shall hold office until his successor has been appointed and has qualified. A certificate of the appointment or reappointment of any commissioners shall be filed with the clerk and the certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the due and proper appointment of the commissioner. [A] CONTINGENT UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY, A commissioner [shall receive no] MAY RECEIVE REASONABLE compensation for [his] THE COMMISSIONER'S services, [but he] AND shall be entitled to the necessary expenses, including traveling expenses, incurred in the discharge of [his] THE COMMISSIONER'S duties.

The powers of each authority shall be vested in the commissioners in office from time to time. Three commissioners shall constitute a quorum of the authority for the purpose of conducting its business and exercising its powers and for all other purposes. Action may be taken by the authority upon a vote of a majority of the commissioners present, unless in any case the bylaws of the authority require a larger number. The mayor shall designate which of the commissioners appointed shall be the first chairman, but when the office of the chairman of the authority thereafter becomes vacant, the authority shall select a chairman from among its commissioners. An authority shall select from among its commissioners a vice-chairman, and it may employ a secretary (who shall be executive director), technical experts and other officers, agents and employees, permanent and temporary, and shall determine their qualifications, duties and compensation. For the legal services it may require, an authority may call upon the chief law officer of the city or may employ its own counsel and legal staff. An authority may delegate to one or more of its agents or employees the powers or duties it may deem proper.