

ordinary processes of law in the cities and counties in which such arbitration boards may meet, subject to all the penalties for nonattendance to which witnesses in ordinary civil cases are subject, and in like manner may require the production of books, documents and papers and may administer oaths, all to the same extent that such powers are possessed and exercised by the civil courts of the State; and said arbitration boards shall make, report and publish findings for the settlement of such controversies and disputes. The said Commissioner shall himself have like power to conduct investigations and hold hearings, summon and enforce the attendance of witnesses, administer oaths, require the production of books, documents and papers, and make and publish reports and findings with respect to any and all matters covered by this section. Subject to the approval of the Governor, the Commissioner may appoint and designate a deputy, [and fix his compensation,] who shall be known as the chief mediator, and who, together with any assistants who may be assigned by the Commissioner, shall have in charge the execution of the provisions of this section, under the direction and supervision of the Commissioner. The chief mediator may act upon any board of arbitration, but in such event he shall receive no compensation therefor in addition to his ordinary salary. Nothing in this section contained shall affect the provisions with respect to arbitration and award contained in Article 7 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, titled "Arbitration and Award," nor the provisions with respect to arbitration contained in §§ 307 to 312 inclusive of the Baltimore City Charter.

Article - Agriculture

7-204.

The Authority, subject to the provisions of the budget and the approval of the Secretary, may appoint an Executive Secretary-Treasurer and fix conditions of employment [and salary], employ persons on a seasonal basis and fix the conditions of employment [and salary], and lease or buy office space and purchase necessary supplies and equipment.

8-203.

(a) The Committee may employ an administrative officer, technical experts, and other permanent or temporary employees, it requires, and shall determine their qualifications[, duties,] and [compensation] DUTIES.

(b) The Committee may call upon the attorney general for legal services it requires.

(c) As authorized by the annual State budget, the Committee may employ clerical, administrative, or technical employees to be assigned to soil conservation districts organized under this title to assist the district boards of supervisors in carrying out the conservation program authorized under this title. This subsection does not authorize the hiring of employees to assist