

serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies. A member may succeed himself, but may not serve more than 6 years consecutively [after July 1, 1979].

[(2)] (B) Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their services, but they may be reimbursed for proper and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties on the Commission in accordance with the Standard Travel Regulations.

[(3)] (C) The Commissioners shall elect annually a chairman and vice-chairman from among the members of the Commission.

[(4)] (D) The Commission shall meet at the call of the chairman, a majority of the members, or the Secretary [of Economic and Community Development].

[(c)] 5-403. The Commission shall:

(1) Initiate, direct, and coordinate projects which further the understanding of Indian history and culture;

(2) Conduct a survey of historic buildings, sites, artifacts, archives and repositories, and publish and disseminate these findings and information;

(3) Undertake a comprehensive study of indigenous American Indian tribes including but not limited to the Crees, Creeks, Cherokees, Chippewas, Choptanks, Delawares, Haliwas, Lumbees, Nanticokes, Piscataways, Potomacs, Rappahannocks, Seminoles, Susquehannas, and Wicomicos, and their influence upon Maryland history and culture;

(4) Study the status of all Indian groups, tribes and communities in the State [of Maryland] and assist them in obtaining recognition from the federal government;

(5) Study the economic and social needs of Indians in Maryland and make recommendations for the alleviation of these needs;

(6) Locate, preserve and disseminate information to the public about significant buildings and sites relating to Indian history and culture, respectively; and

(7) Publish an annual report and any other material it deems necessary.

[(d)] 5-404. The Commission may seek funds from the federal government, foundations and private sources in addition to State funding.