(3)   REVIEW THE LAW RELATING TO THE INTEGRATION OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY INTO THE ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS;

(4)   REVIEW THE LAW RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS, INCLUDING:

(I)   POLLING PLACE SELECTION AND PROCEDURES PRIOR TO, DURING, AND AFTER AN ELECTION;

(II)   STANDARDS FOR VOTING SYSTEMS;

(III)   REGISTRATION OF VOTERS;

(IV) THE SELECTION, TRAINING, AND COMPENSATION OF ELECTION JUDGES;

(V)   THE ABSENTEE VOTING PROCESSES;

(VI) POST–ELECTION PROCEDURES; AND

(VII) ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT THE COMMISSION CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE; AND

(5)   SUBMIT A COMPREHENSIVE REVISION OF THE ELECTION CODE THAT REMOVES ARCHAIC PROVISIONS, RESOLVES OMISSIONS AND CONTRADICTIONS, AND INCORPORATES SUBSTANTIVE, STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE CURRENT LAW THAT THE COMMISSION CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF MODERN ELECTION ADMINISTRATION.

(F)   ~~THE COMMISSION MAY EXPEND FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET.~~

~~(G)   THE COMMISSION SHALL EMPLOY A STAFF DIRECTOR WHO SHALL RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS PROVIDED IN THE BUDGET.~~

~~(H)~~ *THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE SHALL PROVIDE STAFF SERVICES TO THE COMMISSION.*

(G) THE COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE A FINAL REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING A DRAFT REVISION OF THE ELECTION CODE, TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2–1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1997.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1996. It shall remain effective until December 31, 1997, and at the end of December 31, 1997, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 14, 1996.

———————————