

~~INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE AND A PUBLIC CORPORATION BY THAT NAME, STYLE, AND TITLE, OR SUCH OTHER NAME, STYLE, OR TITLE AS THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT TO BE KNOWN AS THE HISTORIC ST. MARY'S COMMISSION OR ANY NAME THAT THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT, PROVIDED THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING ANY SUCH CHANGE IN NAME, TITLE, OR STYLE IS FILED PROMPTLY WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.~~

~~(2) (2) THE EXERCISE BY THE COMMISSION OF THE POWERS CONFERRED BY THIS SUBTITLE IS THE PERFORMANCE OF AN ESSENTIAL PUBLIC FUNCTION.~~

~~(4) (3) THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE PERPETUAL EXISTENCE SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION OR TERMINATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IF NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE ITS PURPOSES OR WHEN AND IF ITS SUBSTANTIAL PURPOSE CEASES.~~

~~(5) THE COMMISSION IS AN INDEPENDENT UNIT IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT THAT OPERATES IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR.~~

(B) THE COMMISSION MAY:

(1) MAKE CONTRACTS OR OTHER LEGAL AGREEMENTS OR ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY OR INCIDENTAL TO THE EXERCISE OF ITS POWERS AND PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES;

(2) SUE AND BE SUED;

(3) IMPLEAD AND BE IMPEADED;

(4) COMPLAIN AND DEFEND IN ALL COURTS OF LAW AND EQUITY;

(5) ADOPT AND ALTER AN OFFICIAL SEAL; AND

(6) ADOPT BYLAWS, RULES AND GUIDELINES TO REGULATE ITS AFFAIRS AND THE CONDUCT OF ITS BUSINESS; AND

~~(7) EXERCISE ANY OTHER CORPORATE POWER GRANTED MARYLAND CORPORATIONS UNDER THE MARYLAND GENERAL CORPORATE LAW GENERALLY TO THE EXTENT SUCH POWER OR ACT IS NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

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(A) THE HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY COMMISSION CONSISTS OF SEVENTEEN MEMBERS.

(B) OF THE COMMISSION MEMBERS:

(1) THIRTEEN SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE AS FOLLOWS:

(I) THREE SHALL BE DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS, ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE AN ARCHAEOLOGIST, ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE A COLONIAL HISTORIAN, AND ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE AN EDUCATOR;