

office of said general counsel shall be six years from the beginning of his term of office. His term of office shall begin on the first Monday in May, 1910, and his appointment shall be made and announced by the governor not less than ten days before said last-mentioned date. The governor may remove said general counsel for inefficiency, neglect of duty or misconduct in office, giving him a copy of the charges against him and an opportunity of being publicly heard in his own defense, upon not less than ten days' notice. He shall be eligible for reappointment by the governor. He shall be allowed and have the right to appoint an assistant, who shall be a member of the bar of the State of Maryland, to aid him in the performance of his duties, and said general counsel may remove such assistant at pleasure.

The governor may, if at any time he deems it necessary, authorize and empower the general counsel to employ other attorneys-at-law as additional assistants to said general counsel for the performance of such extraordinary legal services for or in behalf of the public service commission at such special compensation for such additional assistants as the general counsel, with the written approval of the governor, may ascertain and prescribe. Said general counsel may also employ a stenographer and assistant stenographers in connection with the work of his office. The annual salary of such general counsel shall be three thousand dollars (\$3,000), and the annual salary of the assistant employed by him shall be three thousand dollars; and the annual salary of the chief stenographer employed by him shall be one thousand five hundred dollars; the salary of each of the other stenographers employed by the general counsel shall be ascertained in the manner herein prescribed for the ascertainment of the compensation or salary of the general employees of the commission.

The general counsel shall also receive, as additional compensation, the sum of \$1,800 per annum.*

The said commission shall have a secretary, to be appointed by it and to hold office at its pleasure. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a full and true record of all the proceedings of the commission, of all books, maps, documents and papers ordered filed by the commission, and of all orders made by each of the commissioners, and of all orders made by the commission or approved and confirmed by it and ordered filed, and he shall be responsible to it for the safe custody and preservation of all such documents at its office. Under the direction of the commission, the secretary shall have general charge of its office, superintend the clerical business and perform such other duties as the commission may prescribe. He shall have power and authority to administer oaths in all parts whatsoever of the State, so far as the exercise of such power is properly incidental to the performance of his duties or that of the commission. The secretary shall designate from

*The remainder of this paragraph and the succeeding paragraph of this section, as it stood in volume 3 of the code, are omitted in pursuance of the act of 1916, chapter 713.