

time to time one of the clerks appointed by the commission to perform the duties of secretary during his absence, and during such time the clerk so designated shall, at the office, possess the powers of the secretary of the commission. The annual salary of the secretary shall be three thousand dollars (\$3,000).

The commission shall have the power, subject to the approval, in writing, by the governor, in each and every instance, to employ such officers, clerks, stenographers, typewriters, inspectors, experts and employees as it may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this sub-title or to perform the duties and exercise the powers conferred by law upon the commission; no person, however, shall be appointed or employed by the commission in any position whatsoever, unless the commission shall certify to the governor that it deems such appointment or employment, and the compensation or annual salary which it proposed shall be paid in each instance, actually necessary for carrying out the purposes and requirements of this sub-title, and unless the governor shall thereupon approve in writing such appointment or employment, and such compensation or annual salary or salaries. If in any case the commission cannot ascertain in advance the value of any service to be rendered to it or the proper compensation to be paid therefor, it shall certify such fact to the governor, who may authorize the employment or acquisition of the service in question, leaving the value or compensation thereof to be ascertained by subsequent agreement or adjustment.

Each commissioner and each person appointed to office or employment by the governor or by the commission, with the approval of the governor, or by the general counsel to the commission, shall before entering upon the duties of his office or employment, take and subscribe to the constitutional oath of office. No person shall be eligible for appointment or shall hold the office of commissioner, or be appointed by the commission, or by the general counsel to the commission to or hold any office or position under the commission, who holds any official relation to any common carrier, railroad corporation, street railroad corporation, gas corporation, electrical corporation, telephone corporation, telegraph corporation, water company, heat and refrigerating company, transportation of property or freight company, or other public service corporation subject to any of the provisions of this sub-title, or who own stocks or bonds therein, or who has any pecuniary interest therein.*

The act of 1914, chapter 750, held to have been validly passed. The amendment of a bill by striking out all after "A Bill," upheld. When a bill is properly authenticated it cannot be impeached by the Journals

*The act of 1916, chapter 713, provides that the increase in salary now received by either of the public service commissioners by virtue of the act of 1914, chapter 750, shall not be reduced by virtue of the act of 1916, chapter 713, "during his present term of office or until the expiration of his term."

The act of 1916, chapter 713, provides that the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall not pay after October 1st, 1916, any portion of the salary of the members of the public service commission, or of the general counsel thereto.