

(d) (1) The term of a commissioner is 5 years and begins on July 1.

(2) The terms of commissioners are staggered as required by the terms in effect for commissioners on [October 1, 1998] JULY 1, 2006.

(3) At the end of a term, a commissioner continues to serve until a successor qualifies.

(4) A commissioner who is appointed after a term has begun serves for the rest of the term and until a successor qualifies.

(e) Before taking office, each appointee to the Commission shall take the oath required by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.

(f) The Governor may remove a commissioner for incompetence or misconduct in accordance with § 3-307 of the State Government Article.

2-103.

(a) With the advice and consent of the Senate, the Governor shall appoint a Chairman.

(b) (1) The term of the Chairman is 5 years and begins on July 1.

(2) At the end of a term, the Chairman continues to serve until a successor qualifies.

(3) A Chairman who is appointed after a term has begun serves for the rest of the term and until a successor qualifies.

2-113.

(a) (1) The Commission shall:

(i) supervise and regulate the public service companies subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission to:

1. ensure their operation in the interest of the public; and

2. promote adequate, economical, and efficient delivery of utility services in the State without unjust discrimination; and

(ii) enforce compliance with the requirements of law by public service companies, including requirements with respect to financial condition, capitalization, franchises, plant, manner of operation, rates, and service.

(2) In supervising and regulating public service companies, the Commission shall consider the public safety, the economy of the State, the conservation of natural resources, and the preservation of environmental quality.

(b) The powers and duties listed in this title do not limit the scope of the general powers and duties of the Commission provided for by this article.