

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act

[Public Law 91-664]

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AN ACT To establish and develop the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

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ADVISORY COMMISSION

SEC. 6. **[16 U.S.C. 410y-4(g)]** (a) There is hereby established a Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission (hereafter in this section referred to as the “Commission”).

(b) The Commission shall be composed of nineteen members appointed by the Secretary for terms of five years each, as follows:

(1) Eight members to be appointed from recommendations submitted by the boards of commissioners or the county councils, as the case may be, of Montgomery, Frederick, Washington, and Allegany Counties, Maryland, of which two members shall be appointed from recommendations submitted by each such board or council, as the case may be;

(2) Eight members to be appointed from recommendations submitted by the Governor of the State of Maryland, the Governor of the State of West Virginia, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Commissioner of the District of Columbia, of which two members shall be appointed from recommendation submitted by each such Governor or Commissioner, as the case may be; and

(3) Three members to be appointed by the Secretary, one of whom shall be designated Chairman of the Commission and two of whom shall be members of regularly constituted conservation organizations.

(c) Any vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made. A member

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may serve after the expiration of his term until his successor has taken office.

(d) Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, as such, but the Secretary is authorized to pay, upon vouchers signed by the Chairman, the expenses reasonably incurred by the Commission and its members in carrying out their responsibilities under this Act.

(e) The Secretary, or his designee, shall from time to time but at least annually, meet and consult with the Commission on general policies and specific matters related to the administration and development of the park.

(f) The Commission shall act and advise by affirmative vote of a majority of the members thereof.

(g) The Commission shall cease to exist on December 20, 2024¹.

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¹Section 2 of Public Law 118-163 provides for an amendment to subsection (g) by striking "40" and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting "on October 1, 2031". Such amendment could not be executed as a result of an earlier amendment made by section 104 of division B of Public Law 118-83 (138 Stat. 1534).