SPECIAL COMMISSIONS
Act 195 of 1931

AN ACT to authorize the creation of special commissions and to prescribe their powers and duties; and to make an appropriation therefor.

History: 1931, Act 195, Imd. Eff. May 28, 1931.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

10.51 Special study commissions; creation, name, dissolution.

Sec. 1. The governor is hereby authorized and empowered, at such times and for such purposes as he may deem necessary or advisable, to create special commissions consisting of as many members as he may deem appropriate, with the powers and duties as hereinafter prescribed. Each of such commissions shall be designated and known by some suitable name. Whenever in the judgment of the governor, any special commission created under this act has fully completed the work assigned to it or fulfilled the purposes for which it was created, or the need for such a commission for any reason no longer exists, the governor may, by executive order declare such commission dissolved and the members thereof shall thenceforth be relieved of all official duties as such.

History: 1931, Act 195, Imd. Eff. May 28, 1931;—CL 1948, 10.51.

10.52 Special commissions; members; compensation and expenses.

Sec. 2. The members of each of the commissions thus created shall be appointed by the governor from among resident citizens of this state and shall hold the office to which appointed from the date of such appointment until the appointment and qualification of a successor. Vacancies in any of such offices shall likewise be filled by the governor. Each member shall qualify by taking the constitutional oath of office. The members of such commissions shall serve without compensation. Actual and necessary traveling expenses and other expenses necessarily incurred by members while on the business of their respective commissions shall be paid from the appropriations for the expenses of the respective commissions upon proper voucher therefor, signed by the chairman of the proper commission.

History: 1931, Act 195, Imd. Eff. May 28, 1931;—CL 1948, 10.52.

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10.53 Special commissions; organization, officers, sub-commissions, rules of procedure.

Sec. 3. As soon as practicable after creation of a commission and the appointment and qualification of its members, they shall meet at the direction of the governor for purposes of organization. Each commission shall thereupon elect a chairman, as many vice-chairmen as may be advisable, and a secretary, and may appoint such sub-commission as it may deem necessary or advisable. Each commission may adopt its own rules of procedure.

History: 1931, Act 195, Imd. Eff. May 28, 1931;—CL 1948, 10.53.

10.54 Special commissions; discharge of duties.

Sec. 4. Each commission shall, with all reasonable dispatch after formal organization, enter upon the discharge of the duties imposed upon it and shall hold such meetings and make such study and examination as may from time to time be necessary in the fulfillment of the purposes for which it was created.

History: 1931, Act 195, Imd. Eff. May 28, 1931;—CL 1948, 10.54.

10.55 Special commissions; examination, study, inquiry, reports.

Sec. 5. Each commission shall examine, study and inquire into all matters and things in relation to the purpose for which the commission was created; and shall report to the legislature in writing upon the beginning of its biennial session, and at such other times as the legislature or the governor shall direct, its findings and recommendations together with drafts of bills covering such proposed legislation as it may recommend.

History: 1931, Act 195, Imd. Eff. May 28, 1931;—CL 1948, 10.55.

10.56 Special commissions; assistance from public officials, access to records.

Sec. 6. All departments, boards, commissions, or officers of the state or of any political subdivision thereof, shall give to every such commission, or to any member or representative thereof, any necessary assistance required by such commission or any member or representative thereof in the performance of the duties of such commission so far as is compatible with its or his other duties; free access shall also be given to

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any books, records or documents in his or its custody, relating to matters within the scope of the study or investigation of such commission.

History: 1931, Act 195, Imd. Eff. May 28, 1931;—CL 1948, 10.56.

10.57 Special commissions; general fund appropriation, apportionment by administrative board.

Sec. 7. For the purposes of this act there is hereby appropriated out of the general fund of this state such amount as shall be contained in the biennial budget therefor. The state administrative board shall, out of such appropriations, assign a definite portion thereof as a specific appropriation for the expenses of each commission when, as and if created.

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