

- (2) The President shall designate one of the appointed members of the Commission to be chairperson of the Commission.
- (c)
- (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the term of office of each member of the Commission appointed under subsection (b)(1) shall be four years.
  - (2) Of the members of the Commission originally appointed under subsection (b)(1)-
    - (A) one shall be appointed for a term of two years;
    - (B) two shall be appointed for a term of three years; and
    - (C) two shall be appointed for a term of four years.
  - (3) Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Commission shall be filled, after notice of the vacancy is published in the Federal Register, in the manner provided by the preceding provisions of this section, for the remainder of the unexpired term.
  - (4) A member may serve after the expiration of the member's term of office until the President appoints a successor.
  - (5) A member may serve consecutive terms beyond the member's original appointment.
- (d)
- (1) Members of the Commission may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5, United States Code. A member of the Commission not presently employed for compensation shall be compensated at a rate equal to the daily equivalent of the rate for GS-18 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5, United States Code, for each day the member is engaged in the actual performance of his duties as a member of the Commission, not to exceed 90 days of service each year. Except for the purposes of chapter 81 of title 5 (relating to compensation for work injuries) and chapter 171 of title 28 (relating to tort claims), a member of the Commission shall not be considered an employee of the United States for any purpose.
  - (2) The Commission shall meet at the call of its Chairman or a majority of its members.
  - (3) Each Federal agency referred to in section 107(b) may designate a representative to participate as an observer with the Commission. These representatives shall report to and advise the Commission on the activities relating to Arctic research of their agencies.
  - (4) The Commission shall conduct at least one public meeting in the State of Alaska annually.

#### **SECTION 104 DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION**

- (a) The Commission shall-
- (1) develop and recommend an integrated national Arctic research policy;
  - (2) in cooperation with the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee established under section 107, assist in establishing a national Arctic research program plan to implement the Arctic research policy;
  - (3) facilitate cooperation between the Federal Government and State and local governments with respect to Arctic research;
  - (4) review Federal research programs in the Arctic and recommend improvements in coordination among programs;
  - (5) recommend methods to improve logistical planning and support for Arctic research as may be appropriate and in accordance with the findings and purposes of this title;
  - (6) recommend methods for improving efficient sharing and dissemination of data and information on the Arctic among interested public and private institutions;
  - (7) offer other recommendations and advice to the Interagency Committee established under section 107 as it may find appropriate;

- (8) cooperate with the Governor of the State of Alaska and with agencies and organizations of that State which the Governor may designate with respect to the formulation of Arctic research policy;
  - (9) recommend to the Interagency Committee the means for developing international scientific cooperation in the Arctic; and
  - (10) not later than January 31, 1991, and every 2 years thereafter, publish a statement of goals and objectives with respect to Arctic research to guide the Interagency Committee established under section 107 in the performance of its duties.
- (b) Not later than January 31 of each year, the Commission shall submit to the President and to the Congress a report describing the activities and accomplishments of the Commission during the immediately preceding fiscal year.

## **SECTION 105 COOPERATION WITH THE COMMISSION**

- (a)
- (1) The Commission may acquire from the head of any Federal agency unclassified data, reports, and other nonproprietary information with respect to Arctic research in the possession of the agency which the Commission considers useful in the discharge of its duties.
  - (2) Each agency shall cooperate with the Commission and furnish all data, reports, and other information requested by the Commission to the extent permitted by law; except that no agency need furnish any information which it is permitted to withhold under section 522 of title 5, United States Code.
- (b) With the consent of the appropriate agency head, the Commission may utilize the facilities and services of any Federal agency to the extent that the facilities and services are needed for the establishment and development of an Arctic research policy, upon reimbursement to be agreed upon by the Commission and the agency head and taking every feasible step to avoid duplication of effort.
- (c) All Federal agencies shall consult with the Commission before undertaking major Federal actions relating to Arctic research.

## **SECTION 106 ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMMISSION**

The Commission may-

- (1) in accordance with the civil service laws and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code, appoint and fix the compensation of an Executive Director and necessary additional staff personnel, but not to exceed a total of seven compensated personnel;
- (2) procure temporary and intermittent services as authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code;
- (3) enter into contracts and procure supplies, services and personal property;
- (4) enter into agreements with the General Services Administration for the procurement of necessary financial and administrative services, for which payment shall be made by reimbursement from funds of the Commission in amounts to be agreed upon by the Commission and the Administrator of the General Services Administration; and
- (5) appoint, and accept without compensation the services of, scientists and engineering specialists to be advisors to the Commission. Each advisor may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5, United States Code. Except for the purposes of chapter 81 of title 5 (relating to compensation for work injuries) and chapter 171 of title 28 (relating to tort claims) of the United States Code, an advisor appointed under this paragraph shall not be considered an employee of the United States for any purpose.