

years, without restriction as to reappointment, except that the terms of initial members of the Conference shall end December 31, 196—.

(b) A member designated from an agency shall become ineligible to continue as a member of the Conference under that designation if he leaves the service of such Agency. A nonagency member shall become ineligible to continue as a member of the Conference in that capacity if he enters the regular service of the Federal Government. If a member resigns, becomes ineligible, or is otherwise unable to continue as a member of the Conference, the Council or the agency head, as the case may be, shall designate a successor for the remainder of his term.

SEC. 6. CONGRESSIONAL AND JUDICIAL PARTICIPATION. There shall be appointed from each Congress as members of the Conference (a) by the President of the Senate, three Members of the Senate and as alternates three members of the staffs of committees of the Senate, and (b) by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, three Members of the House of Representatives and as alternates three members of the staffs of committees of the House of Representatives. The Chief Justice of the United States shall be invited by the Council to appoint from the Judicial Conference of the United States three members of the Conference and three alternate members.

SEC. 7. OFFICE OF CONFERENCE. The Conference shall maintain a permanent office at the seat of government. The Director, subject to the civil service laws, shall appoint such employees as are necessary for the performance of the duties and functions of the Office of the Conference and shall fix the compensation of such employees according to the Classification Act of 1949, as amended.

SEC. 8. FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL. The functions of the council, in addition to those authorized in sections 5, 9, and 11 of this Act, shall be to: (i) determine the time and agenda of sessions of the conference; (ii) propose bylaws and rules of procedure, including committee organization, for approval by the conference; (iii) appoint members of committees from the general membership of the conference; (iv) propose to the conference matters concerning which the conference and its committees shall conduct investigations and studies; (v) receive and consider reports and recommendations of committees of the conference and transmit them to the conference with the views and recommendations, if any, of the council; (vi) transmit to the President, Congress, and agencies concerned reports and recommendations adopted by the conference; and (vii) exercise general supervision over the affairs of the conference. The council shall not entertain requests from committees of Congress to study particular bills, but this shall not be deemed to limit the subject matter of any study or report of the conference.

SEC. 9. MEETINGS AND REPORTS OF CONFERENCE. (a) The members of the conference shall meet in plenary session at the seat of government at least once each year and at such other times as may be determined by the council. At meetings of the conference, the director of the conference shall preside but shall have no vote unless the conference shall be equally divided.

(b) The conference shall submit annually a report to the President and the Congress covering the work of the conference for the preceding year and containing such information and recommendations, including recommendations for legislation, as it may deem advisable. Supplemental and interim reports and recommendations may also be submitted by the conference or the director to the President and the Congress and, where deemed appropriate, to the agencies.

SEC. 10. STATUS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS, GENERAL MEMBERS, CONSULTANTS AND ADVISERS. Service of an individual as a member of the council, a general member of the conference, or a consultant or adviser to the conference or any committee thereof, whether compensated or not, shall not be considered as service or employment bringing such individual within the provisions of section 203, 205, 207, 208, or 209 of chapter II of title 18 of the United States Code.

SEC. 11. EXPENDITURES AND APPROPRIATIONS. (a) All members of the conference shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in connection with the functions of the conference.

(b) The director, with approval of the council, may procure, without regard to the civil service laws and the classification laws, the services of consultants and advisers to the conference and its committees.

(c) The director may make such expenditures (including expenditures for rent and personal services, office employees, travel, law books, periodicals, books of reference, printing and binding, and studies or investigations) as may be necessary for the execution of his functions and the functions of the council and the conference, out of appropriations made from time to time by Congress.