

qualified. Any vacancy on the Council shall be filled by the President by appointment from among persons eligible for original appointment to the vacant position.

SEC. 7. (a) The Assembly shall consist of the members of the Council and persons from the agencies and members of the practicing bar, scholars in the field of administrative law and government, and others specially informed by knowledge and experience with respect to Federal administrative practice and procedure. The composition of the Assembly and its total number shall be determined from time to time by the Council: *Provided*, That members from outside the Federal Government shall be appointed in such numbers as will assure adequate representation of the public and reflection of diverse experience, but in no event shall more than 50 per centum of the membership be members of the bar in private practice nor shall more than 50 per centum of the membership be persons from the agencies. The Council shall designate the agencies from which members shall be named and the number of such members from each, having due regard for the extent of the administrative programs of the respective agencies. The head of the agency or, if the agency is a board or commission, its chairman with the approval of the board or commission, shall name a member or members from such agency. Other members (except as provided in paragraph (c) hereof) shall be named by the Council. Each member of the Assembly shall participate in his individual capacity and not as a representative of any governmental or nongovernmental organization. All members of the Assembly except the members of the Council shall be appointed for terms of two calendar years, except that the terms of initial members of the Assembly shall end December 31, 196—.

(b) A member of the Assembly designated from an agency shall become ineligible to continue as a member of the Assembly under that designation if he leaves the service of that agency. A member not from an agency shall become ineligible to continue as a member of the Assembly 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 Assembly, the appointing authority that named him shall designate a successor for the remainder of his term.

(c) There shall be appointed from each Congress as members of the Assembly (1) 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 (2) 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 shall be invited by the Council to appoint from the Judicial Conference of the United States three members of the Assembly and three alternate members.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE CONFERENCE

SEC. 8. To carry out the purposes of this Act the Conference shall—

(a) Study the efficiency, adequacy, and fairness of the administrative procedure used by Federal agencies to carry out administrative programs in the public interest and to determine the rights, privileges and obligations of private persons;

(b) Make recommendations to the agencies, collectively or individually, and to the President, the Congress, or the Judicial Conference of the United States, as it deems appropriate, including recommendations for preventing undue delay and expense and unduly long records and for establishing insofar as practicable uniform procedures and rules of practice;

(c) Arrange for interchange among the agencies of information which may be useful in improving administrative procedure;

(d) Collect information from the agencies and publish such reports as it deems useful for evaluation and improvement of administrative procedure;

(e) Foster cooperative efforts among the agencies and members of the bar to bring about improvements in administrative procedure.

OPERATION OF THE CONFERENCE

SEC. 9. The Chairman shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the Conference and devote his full time and energies to the duties of his office. He shall—