§ 520. General jurisdiction. 1. The commission shall have general jurisdiction over the operation of all off-track betting facilities within the state. The commission shall issue rules and regulations in accordance with the provisions of this article in order to ensure the accomplishment of the purposes set out in section five hundred eighteen of this article.

2. The commission shall own or lease all communication and transmission facilities used to transmit wagering information between regions, as provided by and subject to the exceptions in section five hundred twenty-five of this article and may establish a data processing center, within the amounts appropriated therefor, and provide data processing services to regional corporations, on a transaction fee basis.

3. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the commission shall establish such general regulations to limit the access to off-track betting establishments of persons not permitted to bet therein, the availability or use of publications, written materials or communications equipment therein as the commission determines to be in the interest of public order and the furtherance of the objectives of this article and shall prohibit the sale of food and beverages in all facilities where bets may be placed. The commission shall also provide for the methods for the results of races to be communicated to regional corporations and disseminated thereby.