

authority of both these counties is vested in the County Council in executive session.

County Councils: Elected by the voters for four-year terms. In each county except Harford County, where the voters elect the presiding officer, all presiding officers are chosen by the County Council itself (Const. 1867, Art. XI-A, sec. 3; Code 1957, Art. 25A, secs. 2-3).

Secretary to County Councils: Appointed by the Council for an indefinite term. In Prince George's County the position is called the Clerk to the County Council (Code 1957, Art. 25A, sec. 5(Q)).

County Boards of Appeals: In the charter counties, members are appointed by the County Council to serve such terms as may be provided in that county's charter. In Anne Arundel County the Board consists of five members who serve four-year terms. In Baltimore County the Board has three members and two alternate members who serve for three years. In Howard County the Board has three members who serve for three years. In Montgomery County terms are for three years. In Talbot County the Board consists of five members appointed by the Council for three-year terms (Code 1957, Art. 25A, sec. 5(U)).

Directors of Administration: In Anne Arundel County the County Executive makes the appointment. In Wicomico and Talbot counties it is by the County Council. In all other counties the County Executive makes the appointment subject to Council approval. In Talbot County the County Manager is the chief administrative officer and is appointed by the Council.

Directors of Finance: In Anne Arundel County the position is called the Controller and the appointment is made by the Director of Administration. In Baltimore County he is appointed by the County Administrative Officer with the consent of the County Executive. In Howard County he is appointed by the County Executive. In Montgomery and Prince George's counties he is appointed by the Executive with the approval of the County Council. In Wicomico County he is appointed by the Administrative Director subject to confirmation by the County Council. In Talbot County the County Manager performs these duties.

County Attorney: In Montgomery and Prince George's counties he is appointed by the County Executive subject to Council confirmation and in Wicomico and Talbot counties by the Council. In Anne Arundel, Harford, and Howard counties he is appointed by the County Executive.

Directors of Departments of Public Works: In Anne Arundel, Harford, and Howard counties he is appointed by the County Executive. In Baltimore County he is appointed by the County Administrative Officer with the consent of the County Executive. In Montgomery and Prince George's counties he is appointed by the County Executive with Council approval. In Wicomico County he is appointed by the Administrative Director. In Talbot County the County Engineer performs that function.

Personnel Boards: In Anne Arundel County the Board is appointed by the Director of Administration. In Baltimore County it is appointed by the County Executive and in Harford, Howard, and Prince George's counties by the Executive with Council confirmation. In Montgomery County the Council makes the appointments, and in Wicomico County they are made by the Council in Executive session. In Talbot County the Manager performs that function.

B. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND CODE HOME RULE COUNTIES

Boards of County Commissioners: Elected by the voters for four-year terms. The number of Commissioners for each county varies (Const. 1867, Arts. VII, XVII; Code 1957, Art. 25).

Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners: Appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. In Dorchester and Frederick counties, the office is known as the Administrative Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners (Chapter 63, Acts of 1972; Code 1957, Art. 25, sec. 1).

Attorney to the Board of County Commissioners: Appointed by the Board of County Commissioners (Code 1957, Art. 25, sec. 1).

County Treasurers: Elected by the voters for four-year terms (Const. 1867, Art. XVII; Code 1957, Art. 25, secs. 51, 51-A).

C. OFFICERS COMMON TO ALL COUNTIES

Supervisor of Assessments: Appointed by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation for an indefinite term from a list of five persons submitted by the Boards of County Commissioners or County Councils, the Mayor of Baltimore City, or the County Executive with Council approval (Code 1957, Art. 81, sec. 233).