

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS

A. CHARTER COUNTIES

County Executive: Elected by the voters for a four-year term (Const. 1867, Art. XI-A, sec. 3). Of the charter counties, Wicomico and Talbot only have no elected County Executive. The executive authority of both these counties is vested in the County Council in executive session.

County Council: Members are elected by the voters for four-year terms. All presiding officers are chosen by the County Council itself, except in Harford County, where they are chosen by the voters (Const. 1867, Art. XI-A, sec. 3; Code 1957, Art. 25A, secs. 2-3).

Secretary to County Council: 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)).

Board of Appeals: In charter counties, members are appointed by the County Council to serve such terms as may be provided in the county 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 County Council for three-year terms (Code 1957, Art. 23A, sec. 5(U)).

Director 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.

Director 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 the Director of Finance is appointed by the County Administrative Officer with the consent of the County Executive. In Howard County the Director is appointed by the County Executive. In Montgomery and Prince George's counties appointment is made by the Executive with the approval of the County Council. In Wicomico County the Administrative Di-

rector appoints the Director of Finance subject to confirmation by the County Council. In Talbot County the County Manager performs the duties of the position.

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

Director of the Department of Public Works: In Anne Arundel, Harford, and Howard counties, the Director is appointed by the County Executive. In Baltimore County appointment is made by the County Administrative Officer with the consent of the County Executive. In Montgomery and Prince George's counties the County Executive appoints with Council approval. In Wicomico County the Administrative Director makes the designation. In Talbot County the County Engineer performs the functions of the position.

Personnel Board: 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

Board of County Commissioners: Members are 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 Treasurer: Elected by the voters for a four-year term (Const. 1867, Art. XVII; Code 1957, Art. 25, secs. 51, 51-A).