

## 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, only Talbot and Wicomico have no elected County Executive. The executive authority of both these counties is vested in the County Council in executive session.

*County Council:* 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)).

*Director of Administration:* Appointed by the County Executive, subject to Council approval, except in Anne Arundel, Talbot, and Wicomico counties. In Anne Arundel only the County Executive makes the appointment. In Talbot the County Manager is the chief administrative officer and is appointed by the Council. In Wicomico the County Council appoints the Director.

*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 County Executive with the approval of the County Council. In Talbot County the County Manager performs the duties of the position. In Wicomico County the Administrative Director appoints the Director of Finance subject to County Council confirmation.

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

*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 who serve three-year terms (Code 1957, Art. 25A, sec. 5(U)).

*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 Talbot County the County Engineer performs the functions of the position. In Wicomico County the Administrative Director appoints the Public Works Director.

*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 appoints the Board. In Talbot County the County Manager performs the functions of the Board. In Wicomico County the Council appoints the Board in executive session.

### B. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND CODE HOME RULE COUNTIES

*Board 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 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).