

## 8.02.

For the purposes of this subtitle each county and each municipal corporation may [establish, change, lay out, and define] DESIGNATE BOUNDARIES FOR SITES, STRUCTURES, OR districts which are deemed to be of [historic] HISTORIC, ARCHEOLOGICAL, or architectural [value] SIGNIFICANCE, following the procedure in such county or municipal corporation applicable to the establishment or change of areas and classifications of zoning.

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(a) (1) A county or a municipal corporation may create a commission to be called "the historic district commission" OR "THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION".

(2) (I) The commission shall have a membership of [from three to seven] NO LESS THAN FIVE persons.

(II) [all of whom are qualified by] EACH MEMBER SHALL POSSESS A DEMONSTRATED special interest, SPECIFIC knowledge, or PROFESSIONAL OR ACADEMIC training in such fields as history, architecture, ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY, PLANNING, ARCHEOLOGY, ANTHROPOLOGY, CURATION, CONSERVATION, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, HISTORIC preservation [or], urban design OR RELATED DISCIPLINES.

(III) A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF EACH COMMISSION SHALL BE [and agree to serve on this commission and all of whom are] residents of the county or municipal corporation as the case may be.

(IV) EACH COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT CREATES A COMMISSION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL ESTABLISH AND PUBLICLY ADOPT CRITERIA FOR QUALIFYING AS A MEMBER UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

(3) The members shall be appointed for terms of three years each except that in making the initial appointments some appointments shall be established for less than three years in order that as these initial terms expire all SUBSEQUENT appointments shall be for three years and shall not expire at the same time.

(4) Members of any commission are eligible for reappointment.

(5) Any vacancy on a commission shall be filled by the appointing authority for the unexpired term of the particular position. [County or municipal authorities may consult private societies or agencies to request the names of possible members on a commission.]

(6) [The] SUBJECT TO ANY REQUIREMENTS OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GOVERNING THE ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF GIFTS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS, THE commission shall have the right to accept and use gifts for the exercise of its functions.