

(2) The Executive Director and other employees of the Commission are employees of the County Commissioners.]

[9-105.

(a) The Commission shall file annual reports with the County Commissioners and Mayor and City Council. The reports shall be available to the public.

(b) The annual report shall include subjects and recommendations for the improvement and advancement of the economic welfare of the people of Washington County.]

[9-106.

The Commission may:

(1) Investigate and assemble information and statistics pertinent to the economic resources and industrial opportunities of the county;

(2) Encourage location of new industrial and business enterprises in the county and the retention and expansion of present enterprises;

(3) Encourage development of recreational areas and encourage tourist business in the county, making the public aware of the county's historical background and progress;

(4) Disseminate information in the interest of industrial and business development by publication, advertising, and other means;

(5) Cooperate with any federal, State, local agency, board, or commission, including the Maryland Department of Economic and Employment Development, in the furtherance of its purposes;

(6) Cooperate with any interested private concern, civic organization, or subdivision thereof in furtherance of its purposes; and

(7) Establish and appoint Advisory Groups and Committees to assist in its program of activity, the membership of which is not restricted to members of the Commission.]

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County may provide, by ordinance, for the establishment, membership, procedures, powers, and duties of an economic development commission.~~

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 4 2 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996, contingent on the enactment of an ordinance by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County that provides for the establishment, membership, procedures, powers, and duties of an economic development commission, ~~and if the Board of County Commissioners does not enact an ordinance that so provides, Section 1 of this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.~~ The Board of County Commissioners shall forward a copy of the enacted ordinance to the Department of Legislative Reference, 90 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.