

- Removal:** No statutory provision.
- Employees:** 3 employees.
- Function:** To review and revise Maryland's planning and zoning legislation and make recommendations for their revision to the Maryland legislature.

Regional Planning Council

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Established By: Md. Code Ann., art. 78D.

Head: Chairman appointed by the governor from membership. Vice-chairman elected by members. Md. Code Ann., art. 78D, § 8.

Members: 1 member appointed by Mayor and City Council of Baltimore from the city council. 1 member appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore from the Baltimore City Planning Commission. 1 member appointed by Baltimore City executive and Council from the city council. 1 member appointed by Baltimore City executive from Baltimore City Planning Commission. 1 member from each board of city commissioner from Anne Arundel, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties. 1 member from each City Planning board of Anne Arundel, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties. 1 member from State Senate appointed by the governor from each regional planning area. 1 member from State delegates appointed by the governor from each regional planning area. 2 members, citizens, appointed by the governor. *Ex officio:* director of State Department of Planning and Chairman, director of State Roads Commission. The Metropolitan Transit Authority and the Maryland Port Authority each elects one member on council.

Term: 4 years, except elected members hold during term of their office. The 4 appointees of the governor serve at his pleasure. Md. Code Ann., art. 78D, § 5.

Removal: No statutory provision.

Employees: Md. Code Ann., art. 78D, § 10. Employment of an executive officer is not subject to the merit system. The executive officer may appoint three section heads who are also not subject to the merit system. Retention of counsel does not subject him to the merit system. All other employees are under the merit system.

Function: Prepares a general development plan for a specific region which consists of Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties.