

The Maryland Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation, originally created by Chapter 331, Acts of 1937, had its membership reconstituted by Chapter 37, Acts of 1964. The Commission consists of twelve members appointed by the Legislative Council. Six members are members of the Senate and six members are members of the House of Delegates. These members include ex officio, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, and the majority and minority leaders of both Houses. These appointments are at the pleasure of the Legislative Council which also designates the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Commission.

The Advisory Committee consists of five members appointed by the Governor and who serve at his pleasure. Members must include the Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning or his alternate, the Secretary of State Planning or his alternate, the Attorney General or his alternate, and two other members.

It is the function of this Commission to carry forward the participation of the State as a member of the Council of State Governments. It fosters and maintains contacts and liaison with agencies and representatives of the Federal government, concerning Federal program and activities, while circulating information and data thus obtained among the several agencies of the State and its political subdivisions; it endeavors to advance cooperation between this State and other units of government whenever it seems advisable to do so by formulating proposals for the adoption of compacts, the enactment of uniform or reciprocal statutes, the adoption of uniform or reciprocal administrative rules; the informal cooperation of governmental offices with one another; the interchange and clearance of research and information; and in general, it works to bring the various governments in the United States into close contact and to develop the Council of State Governments for this purpose (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., Art. 40, secs. 16-20).

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

Maryland Representatives:

Marvin Mandel, Governor
Robert G. Garner, State Member
William B. Braun, Alternate

Officers of the Commission:

Federal Co-Chairman: John B. Waters, Jr.
State's Regional Representative: John D. Whisman
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By Chapter 415, Acts of 1965, the Governor and the Board of Public Works were authorized to appoint a State member and an alternate to the Appalachian Regional Commission to implement the Federal Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965. In addition, the thirteen Appalachian states have a regional representative selected by the majority of the thirteen states (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., Art. 78A, sec. 13A).

The Commission was created by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-4) to plan and coordinate projects and programs authorized by the Act for the development of the 13-State Appalachian Region, which includes the Western Maryland counties of Washington, Allegany, and Garrett. The Commission consists of a Federal Co-Chairman appointed by the President and one