

form the Orphans' Court functions in Montgomery County and after November 1974 in Harford County (Const. 1867, Art. IV, Secs. 20, 40; Code 1957, 1969 Repl. Vol., Art. 93).

Judges, District Court:

Appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for ten-year terms or until each judge becomes seventy years of age. The District Court system replaced the previously existing justices of the peace, county trial magistrates, people's courts, the Municipal Court of Baltimore City and other courts of limited jurisdiction (Const. 1867, Art. IV, Sec. 41-D; Code 1957, 1966 Repl. Vol., 1972 Supp., Art. 26, Secs. 139-158; Courts Article).

District Court Administrative Clerks:

Appointed by the Chief Judge of the District Court upon the recommendation of the Administrative Judge of the District (Const. 1867, Art. IV, Sec. 41-F; Courts Article, Sec. 2-601).

District Court County Clerks:

Appointed by the Chief Judge of the District Court on the recommendation of the Administrative Judge of the District (Courts Article, Sec. 2-601).

District Public Defenders:

Appointed by The Public Defender with the approval of the Board of Trustees of the Public Defender System (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., 1972 Supp., Art. 27A).

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

A. Charter Counties of Maryland

County Executives:

Elected by the voters for four-year terms (Const. 1867, Art. XI-A, Sec. 3). Of the charter counties, Wicomico and Talbot only have no elected County Executive. The executive authority of both of these counties is vested in the County Council in Executive Session.

County Councils:

Elected by the voters for four-year terms. In each county except Harford County, where the voters elect the presiding officer, all presiding officers are chosen by the County Council itself (Const. 1867, Art. IX-A; Code 1957, 1966 Repl. Vol., Art. 25A, Sec. 2).

Secretary to County Councils:

Appointed by the Council for an indefinite term. In Prince George's County, he is called the Clerk to the County Council.

County Boards of Appeals:

In the charter counties, members are appointed by the County Council to serve such terms as may be provided in that county's 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 (Code 1957, 1966 Repl. Vol., Art. 25A, Sec. 5 (U)).

Directors of Administration:

In Anne Arundel County, he is appointed by the County Executive and in Wicomico County and Talbot County by the County Council. In all other counties, he is appointed by the County Executive with