

HOMEOWNERS TO ACQUIRE MORE ADEQUATE HOUSING, AND WILL STIMULATE THE PRIVATE SECTOR PRODUCTION OF NEW HOUSING. ACCORDINGLY, THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION ARE DECLARED AS A MATTER OF LEGISLATIVE DETERMINATION TO CREATE A SOUND HOUSING STOCK, CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS A BALANCE ECONOMY, PROMOTE THE HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY OF THE RESIDENTS, AND THEREFORE BE VALID PUBLIC PURPOSES.

(B) (1) IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, THE PUBLIC BODY CORPORATE AND POLITIC ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND SHALL HAVE 7 COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED AND EXERCISING THE POWERS AND DUTIES AS SET FORTH IN THIS ARTICLE.

(2) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL, SHALL APPOINT AND MAY REMOVE THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SHALL DESIGNATE WHICH OF THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED SHALL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

(3) PRIOR TO CONFIRMATION OF EACH APPOINTMENT TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

(4) (I) THE COMMISSIONERS ARE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF OFFICE OF 5 YEARS. THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS SERVING ON JULY 1, 1983.

(II) A MEMBER APPOINTED TO FILL A VACANCY IN AN UNEXPIRED TERM OR TO SUCCEED A MEMBER WHO IS HOLDING OVER SERVES ONLY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THAT TERM.

(III) A MEMBER SERVES UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

(C) THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SHALL CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC BODY CORPORATE AND POLITIC, EXERCISING PUBLIC AND ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS, AND HAVING ALL THE POWERS NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT TO CARRY OUT AND EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES AND PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE. IN ADDITION TO THE POWERS ENUMERATED IN THIS ARTICLE, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS AUTHORIZED TO:

(1) EXERCISE ALL OR ANY PART OR COMBINATION OF SUCH POWERS TO PROVIDE HOUSING, HOUSING REHABILITATION, HOUSING PROJECTS, INTERGRALLY RELATED COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES, AND THE FINANCING OF SUCH HOUSING FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS;