

COMMISSIONERS AS THE COMMISSIONERS DEEM DESIRABLE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUPPLEMENT.

CHAPTER 27
COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY

27-1. NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS DESIGNATED; TERMS.

A. THERE SHALL BE FIVE (5) COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CHARLES COUNTY, FOUR (4) OF WHOM SHALL BE ELECTED AT-LARGE, WITH ONE (1) EACH RESIDING IN EACH OF THE FOUR (4) COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS OF THE COUNTY. THE FIFTH SHALL HOLD THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MAY RESIDE IN ANY AREA OF THE COUNTY AND SHALL BE ELECTED AT-LARGE. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE ELECTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD IN 1962 AND EVERY FOUR (4) YEARS THEREAFTER, FOR TERMS OF FOUR (4) YEARS. THE TERM OF THE COMMISSIONERS SHALL BEGIN ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF DECEMBER FOLLOWING THE GENERAL ELECTION OR AS SOON AFTERWARDS AS CERTIFIED BY THE GOVERNOR.

B. DISTRICTING BOARD.

(1) NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 1989, THE CHARLES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE 28TH DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION SHALL APPOINT A FIVE-MEMBER DISTRICTING BOARD.

(2) THE DISTRICTING BOARD SHALL BE COMPOSED OF ONE (1) APPOINTEE OF EACH COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND TWO (2) APPOINTEES OF THE 28TH DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION. NONE SHALL BE EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY. THE DISTRICTING BOARD SHALL CONVENE NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER APPOINTMENT TO ORGANIZE AND ELECT A CHAIRMAN FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS.

(3) BY JULY 1, 1989, THE DISTRICTING BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH THE TENTATIVE BOUNDARIES OF THE FOUR (4) COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION AND INVESTIGATION WITHIN REASONABLE AND LAWFUL GUIDELINES. THE DISTRICTING BOARD SHALL GIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO ELECTION DISTRICT LINES, AS WELL AS TO DEMOGRAPHICS AND GEOGRAPHY. THE DISTRICTING BOARD SET AND CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS IN EACH OF THE PROPOSED FOUR (4) COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS AFTER TENTATIVE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES HAVE BEEN DRAWN AND DEFINED. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS GIVING TIME, DATE, AND PLACE SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN TWO (2) COUNTY NEWSPAPERS TEN (10) DAYS PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARINGS. AFTER ALL PUBLIC HEARINGS HAVE BEEN HELD AND A FINAL DRAFT OF THE DISTRICTING PLAN HAS BEEN COMPLETED, THE DISTRICTING BOARD SHALL SUBMIT THE DISTRICTING PLAN TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 1989. THIS PLAN SHALL