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At least once a year, an authority shall file with the clerk a report of its activities for the preceding year, and shall make recommendations with reference to such additional legislation or other action as it deems necessary in order to carry out the purpose of this article.

In each county of the State there is hereby created a public body corporate and politic to be known as the housing authority of the county; provided, however, that said housing authority shall not transact or exercise its powers hereunder until or unless the board of county commissioners shall declare at any time hereafter that there is need for a housing authority to function in such county, which declaration shall be made by said board of county commissioners in the same manner and subject to the same conditions (except for approval by the mayor) as the declaration of the governing body of a city, required by § 4 of this article for the purpose of authorizing a housing authority of a city to transact business and exercise its powers. The housing authorities of the counties shall, within their area of operation as hereinafter defined, have all the functions, rights, powers, duties and liabilities provided in this article for housing authorities in cities, and the provisions of this article shall, within the area of operation of such housing authorities of the counties, apply to the housing authorities of the counties in the same manner and to the same extent as this article applies to housing authorities created in cities; provided that as to housing authorities of the counties, the board of commissioners of the county for which any such authority is created is hereby authorized to perform the acts herein required or permitted by this article to be performed by the governing body of the city, the mayor or said governing body and the mayor, for the housing authority of the city. In Montgomery [and], Prince George's, AND HOWARD Counties, the county executive and the county council are hereby authorized to perform the acts herein required or permitted by this article to be performed by the mayor and the governing body of the city, respectively, for the housing authority of the city, except that the appointment and removal of commissioners of the housing authority by the county executive shall require the approval of the council. The area of operation of a housing authority of a county shall include all of the county except that portion thereof which lies within the territorial boundaries of any city for which a housing authority may be created under this article, unless the governing body of any such city shall by proper resolution consent to its inclusion in the area of operation of such county authority. With respect to the provisions of other sections of this article and their application to housing authorities of counties, the term "city" shall be construed as referring to a county unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

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