

MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 44A – Housing Authorities

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(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Housing or housing project” means any undertaking or project, or a portion of it, including lands, buildings, and improvements, real, mixed, and personal properties, or an interest in them that is planned, acquired, owned, developed, constructed, reconstructed, rehabilitated, or improved for the purpose of providing dwelling accommodations for persons of eligible income, streets, roads, sewerage, and waterlines, and other supporting public and private facilities intended for commercial, educational, cultural, recreational, community, or other civic purposes as may be deemed necessary for sound community development.

(3) “Persons of eligible income” means persons who individually or as part of a family unit lack sufficient income or assets to enable them, without financial assistance, to live in decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings without overcrowding.

(B) THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY CONSTITUTES A PUBLIC BODY CORPORATE AND POLITIC, EXERCISES PUBLIC AND ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS, AND HAS ALL THE POWERS NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS AND PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE.

(C) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY SHALL APPOINT AND MAY REMOVE, FOR JUST CAUSE, A COMMISSIONER OF THE AUTHORITY.

(D) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF § 5 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE AUTHORITY HAS 7 COMMISSIONERS FROM AND AFTER JULY 1, 1990, AND EXERCISES THE POWERS AND DUTIES SET FORTH IN THIS ARTICLE.

(2) THE 5 COMMISSIONERS OF THE AUTHORITY SERVING ON JULY 1, 1990 SHALL CONTINUE TO SERVE UNTIL THEIR RESPECTIVE TERMS EXPIRE AND THEIR SUCCESSORS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED.

(3) THE TERM OF A COMMISSIONER OF THE AUTHORITY IS 5 YEARS, AND SHALL BE STAGGERED IN A MANNER DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

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

(5) A COMMISSIONER OF THE AUTHORITY CONTINUES TO