

visions of any other statute or local ordinance or regulation require a greater width or size of yards, courts, or other open spaces, or require a lower height of building or a less number of stories, or requires a greater percentage of a lot to be left unoccupied, or impose other higher standards than are required by the regulations made under authority of this sub-title, the provisions of such statute or local ordinance or regulation shall govern; provided, however, that within the limits of the Maryland-Washington Regional District as said District is now or shall hereafter be defined by law, in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties—in which District there is now in effect city and regional planning and zoning, which are being administered by existing agencies under existing law—this sub-title shall be construed wherever possible as supplemental to Chapter 992 of the Laws of Maryland of 1943, as amended; and within the said District the several additional and supplemental powers or any of them vested by this sub-title in the "municipality", and/or the "council", shall be construed to be vested exclusively in and may be exercised within their discretion only by the respective Board of County Commissioners acting as the District Council, as provided in said Chapter 992, as amended; and within the said District in like manner the several additional and supplemental powers of any of them vested by this sub-title in the "Commission" and in the "Board of Appeals", respectively, shall be construed to be vested exclusively in and may be exercised only, within their discretion, by The Maryland—National Capital Park and Planning Commission and/or the respective Board of Zoning Appeals of the County affected; and provided further, that in so far as the provisions of this sub-title may be inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of Chapter 992 of the Laws of Maryland of 1943, as amended; such provisions shall have no application within the Maryland-Washington Regional District, but nothing contained herein shall be deemed or construed to affect the validity of said Chapter 992, as amended; and provided further, that nothing in this sub-title shall apply to Baltimore City [], Kent County, Queen Anne's County, Worcester County and Caroline County, or to that part of Wicomico County outside of the area that is within a radius of five miles from the corporate limits of the City of Salisbury].

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1953.

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THIS ACT IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE AN EMER-