

*official under the authority of any law heretofore repealed, previous to the time the repeal took effect.*

*(f) Zoning actions validated.—Any zoning ordinance, regulation, resolution, amendment or change, report, zoning map, or other zoning action enacted, adopted, made, or taken prior to June 1, 1959, by the County Council of Montgomery County or the County Commissioners of Prince George's County, acting respectively as the District Councils of the Regional District, or by the Commission under any applicable laws, are approved, ratified, and confirmed, not withstanding any defect in the procedure followed in the enactment, adoption, making, or taking of such ordinance, regulation, resolution, amendment or change, report, zoning map, or other zoning action, or any failure strictly to conform to or comply with the procedure specified in the applicable laws.*

## **2. Appointment and Qualifications of Commission.**

*The Commission shall be composed of ten members, five of whom shall be residents of Montgomery County and five of whom shall be residents of Prince George's County. Of the members of the Commission from each county, not more than three shall be members of the same political party. At least one member from each county shall be a resident of a predominantly agricultural portion of the county which lies within the Regional District. All members shall be persons of ability, experience, and integrity and shall not be selected as representing or supporting any special interest or interests. All members of the Commission to be appointed from each county shall be appointed by the governing body of each county, respectively.*

## **3. Terms and Tenure of Commission.**

*The term of office of each member of the Commission shall be for four years. Appointments shall be made on or before June 15 of the year in which any appointment is to be made, and terms of office shall begin as of that date. The members of the Commission in office immediately prior to June 1, 1959, shall remain in office under the provisions of this Article for the remainder of the terms to which respectively appointed. Those terms shall expire on the following dates: two from each county on June 14, 1959; one from each county on June 14, 1960; one from each county on June 14, 1961; and one from each county on June 14, 1962. Members may continue to serve until their successors are appointed and have qualified.*

## **4. Removals and Vacancies in Commission.**

*The appointing body of either county may remove any member from that county prior to the expiration of the term for which he was appointed. In such case the cause of removal shall be stated in writing and a public hearing held thereon. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Commission for any cause shall be filled by the governing body of the county in which the vacancy occurs for the unexpired term. A person appointed to fill any such vacancy for an unexpired term shall be a member of the same political party as was represented by the member who vacated the office.*