

thereafter, there shall be elected ~~[three]~~ *four* FIVE County Commissioners who shall be qualified voters of *the* ~~[said]~~ County and shall have resided at least two years in ~~[said]~~ Worcester County immediately preceding their election, and shall have been owners of and assessed with real estate in said County for at least one year preceding their said election; and for the purpose of selecting persons eligible as said County Commissioners, the County shall be considered as divided into ~~[three]~~ *four* Commissioners' Districts. ~~[, one of which]~~ *The first Commissioner District shall consist of Pocomoke Election District and Atkinsons' Election District [; one]. The Second Commissioner District shall consist of Snow Hill District, Stockton District and Newark District [, and one]. The Third Commissioner District shall consist of ~~East Berlin District, West Berlin District,~~ BERLIN DISTRICT [Ocean City District] and St. Martin's District, the same being what were formerly known as the three collection districts of said Worcester County [; and one]. The Fourth Commissioner District shall consist of the Tenth Election District. One of said County Commissioners shall be a resident of each of said ~~[three]~~ *four* Commissioner Districts, so that the Board of County Commissioners shall be composed always of a representative from each of said ~~[three]~~ *four* Commissioner Districts; AND THE FIFTH COMMISSIONER SHALL BE A COMMISSIONER AT LARGE REPRESENTING THE ENTIRE COUNTY and the salary of each of said Commissioners shall be seven hundred and twenty dollars per year, payable monthly by Worcester County ~~[, and the said].~~ *The said Commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to employ a clerk or clerks to keep up to date the assessment records and other records of their office, the salary of such clerk or clerks to be fixed by the said Commissioners and to be paid by Worcester County [, and the].* *The said Commissioners shall meet at least one day in every week and shall remain in session so long as may be necessary to properly transact the business of the County. In addition to the annual salary aforesaid, each of the County Commissioners shall receive the sum of ~~[\$480]~~ \$720 annually, payable in monthly installments, to defray the travelling expenses of said Commissioners in the performance of their official duties.**

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That promptly following June 1, 1959, the Governor shall appoint a person who would have been qualified for election as a County Commissioner of Worcester County, AND A COMMISSIONER AT LARGE to fill the vacant ~~position~~ POSITIONS created by this Act; and from and after June 1, 1959, there shall be ~~four~~ FIVE County Commissioners' positions for Worcester County. The initial ~~appointment~~ APPOINTMENTS shall be made only by the Governor, and not according to the provisions of Section 16 of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition). The ~~appointment~~ APPOINTMENTS shall be so made that the Board of County Commissioners shall be composed of representatives from each of the four Commissioner Districts herein described.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.

Approved March 11, 1959.