

13 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Harford County", sub-title "County Commissioners", to follow immediately after Section 216 thereof and to read as follows:

216A.

(a) *The Harford County Capital Improvements Commission is hereby established and it shall be composed of five Harford County resident taxpayers appointed by the County Commissioners for terms concurrent with those of the appointing Commissioners. The members of the commission shall be persons selected for their knowledge of building and construction methods and practices, such as architects, engineers, and building contractors with practical experience in the construction of public buildings. The County Commissioners shall name the chairman, who shall call such meetings of the Commission as its duties shall require. The members shall serve without compensation, but the County Commissioners may make reasonable allowances for the expenses of the Commission. With the approval of the County Commissioners, the Commission may retain the services of technical experts to study special problems important to the work of the Commission.*

(b) *The duties of the Harford County Capital Improvements Commission shall be as follows:*

(1) *To assist the County Commissioners, at their request, in the development of capital improvement and maintenance programs so that the governmental services for which the County Commissioners are responsible may be properly rendered to the public in buildings efficiently designed and constructed for such purposes.*

(2) *To give the County Commissioners and the Harford County Planning and Zoning Commission technical advice and counsel, at their request, upon the location and construction of public buildings and improvements.*

(3) *To review preliminary plans of proposed capital improvements of all county agencies and to advise the County Commissioners both upon the functional efficiency of said plans and upon the possibility of achieving the objective of sound construction at the lowest cost consistent with good public policy.*

(c) *All county agencies contemplating the construction of buildings or other capital improvements, except roads and sanitary facilities, with funds supplied by the County Commissioners, shall submit their preliminary plans for location and construction to the Harford County Capital Improvements Commission. The plans shall be in such detail that the Commission shall be able to estimate the functional efficiency of the project, the reasonable cost thereof, and to weigh the possibilities of achieving sound construction at the lowest cost consistent with good public policy. The Commission shall report its conclusions and recommendations to the County Commissioners.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.*

Approved March 24, 1959.