

(b). *The commission, to be known as the Washington County Study Commission, shall consist of such numbers of persons as the county commissioners shall determine, provided that not less than nine (9) nor more than fifteen (15) members shall be appointed. The members shall be selected because of their known experience and interest in the government of Washington County.*

(c). *The members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The commission shall have such secretarial help and other assistance as the county commissioners shall determine. The terms of the members of the commission shall be determined by the county commissioners.*

(d). *The commission shall select from its own membership a chairman, vice-chairman, and a secretary. The commission has the power to establish and appoint advisory groups to assist in its study program, which advisory groups shall not be restricted solely to members of the commission.*

(e). *The commission shall meet at least bimonthly and shall hold special meetings at the call of the chairman or of any three members of the commission. A majority of the commission members shall constitute a quorum.*

(f). *The commission shall make its report to the county commissioners and to the state senator and delegates in the Maryland General Assembly from Washington County not later than the first day of the 1963 regular session of the General Assembly.*

(g). *In an effort to determine the feasibility of home rule for Washington County the commission shall have the authority to investigate and study, but it is not restricted or limited to, the following:*

(1). *Conduct a comprehensive study of the present county commissioner form of government.*

(2). *Assemble information and analyze the various county council and county manager forms of government.*

(3). *Recommend the composition and compensation that shall be paid members of the governing body of the county.*

(4). *Determine the feasibility of a county merit system.*

(5). *Review and study the present county departmental structure.*

(6). *Study the present cost of county government to anticipated future costs under the respective governmental body patterns.*

(7). *Compare the county governmental services and expenditures with those of the political subdivisions to determine if possible inequities or duplications exist.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.*

Approved April 24, 1961.