

WHEREAS, Cecil County has experienced significant changes in recent years, and

WHEREAS, Many proposals have been advanced for a change in the present structure or form of government; and

WHEREAS, It is realized that basic changes in government should not be entered into lightly but should be made for generations; and

WHEREAS, It is deemed desirable to have a study made first to determine what changes, if any, in the structure or form of the County government should be made to best satisfy these needs and to prepare, if possible, specific recommendations as to the actual content of any modification of the present structure or of the new instrument of government; now, therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, as follows:*

A. The Cecil County Governmental Study Commission is hereby created for the purpose of studying and making recommendations concerning the structure or form of the government of Cecil County. The Commission shall be composed of eleven (11) persons who shall serve without compensation. Commission members shall be selected and appointed by the joint action of the Board of County Commissioners and the State Senator and members of the House of Delegates elected from the county. One of the persons so selected shall be designated by the appointing authorities as Chairman of the Commission. In appointing the members of the Commission, the appointing authorities shall endeavor to select those whose devotion to the County and its people, whose knowledge of government and sense of historical perspective and whose education and experience especially equip them for membership on the Commission and will assure that the Commission reflects the several interests and regions of the County. In addition to the eleven (11) members herein provided, the County Commissioners, State Senator and members of the House of Delegates shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the Commission and render advisory assistance thereto.

B. The Commission shall examine the existing structure and form of county government in light of present and future needs of the people of Cecil County, giving due consideration to the prospective growth of the County and to the character and nature of such growth. It shall meet and hold hearings as often as may be necessary to accomplish this purpose. It shall assemble such data and obtain such technical advisory services as may be needed. The Commission shall consider and make recommendations concerning all proposals for change in the structure of county government including revision of the County Commissioner system, adoption of Charter form of government, code home rule and any other legal form of government.

C. For these purposes the Commission is to be appointed by July 1, 1965, and is directed to hold its first meeting not later than August 1, 1965.

D. The Commission is directed to report to the County Commissioners, to the State Senator, the members of the House of Delegates and the people of Cecil County on or before January 1, 1966. Such