

WHEREAS, Howard County has experienced significant changes in recent years and it is anticipated that the population of the County will soon undergo a tremendous increase; and

WHEREAS, The needs of the people for public works including roads, storm sewer and water facilities will be greatly increased and will require efficient governmental servicing; and

WHEREAS, It is realized that basic changes in governmental structure should not be entered into lightly or on the basis of immediate present need but should be made in advance for future 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's present public works system should be made to best satisfy these needs and to prepare specific recommendations as to the actual content of any modification to the present structure; now, therefore

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

A. The Howard County Public Works Study Commission is hereby created for the purpose of studying and making recommendations concerning the structure or form of a new governmental agency to administer public works in Howard 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 education and experience especially equip them for membership on the Commission. 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 Howard County Metropolitan Commission and the Howard County Roads Department in light of the present and future needs of the people of Howard County, giving due consideration to the prospective growth of the County with a view towards the development of a new Board of Public Works. 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.

C. For these purposes the Commission is to be appointed by September 1, 1965, and is directed to hold its first meeting not later than October 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 Howard County on or before February 1, 1966. Such report shall be in writing and shall include its detailed findings, recommendations and a draft of any suggested changes or instrument