

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 72-6 and 72-18 of the Montgomery County Code (1960 Edition, being Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Montgomery County," subtitle "Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission," AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 173 OF THE ACTS OF 1965, are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

72-6.

*The commission shall be composed of ten members, five of whom shall be residents of Montgomery County and five of whom shall be residents of Prince George's County. Of the members of the commission from each county, not more than three shall be members of the same political party. At least one member from each county shall be a resident of a predominantly agricultural portion of the county which lies within the Regional District. All members shall be persons of ability, experience and integrity and shall not be selected as representing or supporting any special interest or interests. All members of the commission to be appointed from each county shall be appointed by the governing body of each county, respectively. In Montgomery County, the Montgomery County Council shall be required to select their respective appointments or re-appointments from a list of applicants. Said list shall be open to the public at all times, and shall be completed at least three weeks prior to actual appointment or re-appointment. In the event that county council does not appoint any individual whose name appears on said list, or in the event that no name appears on said list, the county council shall provide for the preparation of a second list and shall follow the procedure applicable to the first said list. All such appointments or re-appointments shall be subject to Section 72-18.*

THE COMMISSION SHALL BE COMPOSED OF TEN MEMBERS, FIVE OF WHOM SHALL BE RESIDENTS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND FIVE OF WHOM SHALL BE RESIDENTS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION FROM EACH COUNTY, NOT MORE THAN THREE SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY. AT LEAST ONE MEMBER FROM EACH COUNTY SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF A PREDOMINANTLY AGRICULTURAL PORTION OF THE COUNTY WHICH LIES WITHIN THE REGIONAL DISTRICT. ALL MEMBERS SHALL BE PERSONS OF ABILITY, EXPERIENCE, AND INTEGRITY AND SHALL NOT BE SELECTED AS REPRESENTING OR SUPPORTING ANY SPECIAL INTEREST OR INTERESTS. ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION TO BE APPOINTED FROM MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THAT COUNTY. THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION TO BE APPOINTED FROM PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND FROM A LIST OF NOT FEWER THAN FOUR NAMES FOR EACH MEMBER SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SELECT THEIR RESPECTIVE APPOINTMENTS OR RE-APPOINTMENTS FROM A LIST