

Public Local Laws of Kent County (1959 Edition, being Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Kent County," subtitle "County Commissioners," to follow immediately after Section 123 thereof, and to read as follows:

123A.

*(a) The Kent County Governmental Study Commission is hereby created for the purpose of studying and making recommendations concerning the structure or form of the government of Kent County. The Commission shall be composed of nine (9) persons who shall serve without compensation. Commission members shall be selected and appointed by the Governor of Maryland upon the recommendation of the legislative delegation of Kent County. One of the persons so selected shall be designated by the appointing authority 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 nine (9) 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 Kent 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. It may recommend to the County Commissioners that a part-time or full-time research assistant be employed to assist it in the discharge of its duties. 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 April 15, 1965, and is directed to hold its first meeting not later than May 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 Kent County on or before December 15, 1965. Such report shall be in writing and shall include its detailed findings, recommendations and a draft of any suggested changes or instrument of government together with such other pertinent matters as the Commission deems necessary or appropriate.*

*(e) The Board of County Commissioners is directed to provide the Commission with such assistance and funds as may be required to enable the Commission to carry out its duties under this section.*