

annual salary of \$4,000.00. The Executive Commissioner shall receive an annual salary of \$12,000.00. All salaries shall be payable monthly by the Treasurer of Howard County.

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(a) *The Executive Commissioner shall be the presiding officer of the Board of County Commissioners and shall have primary executive authority in the county government subject to decisions of policy made by the Board of County Commissioners. He shall see that the orders, resolutions, and regulations of the Board are faithfully executed. He shall attend all meetings of the Board and recommend to the other members of the Board such measures and policies as he deems wise and expedient for the county. HE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING AND PRESENTING THE BUDGET AND FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE BUDGET AFTER IT HAS BEEN APPROVED. He shall report to the Board from time to time upon the affairs of the county and shall keep the Board fully advised as to the current financial condition of the county and its future financial needs. With the approval of a majority of the members of the Board, he shall be the appointing officer for the appointive agents and employees of the county. The Executive Commissioner also shall perform such other duties and functions as may be required of him from time to time by the Board. He shall serve also as a regular member of the Board for the purpose of considering and acting upon the orders, resolutions, regulations, and policies considered and determined by the Board. From time to time the THE Board shall elect from its membership a person to be Acting Executive Commissioner, to have the powers and duties of the Executive Commissioner during the absence of that officer.*

(b) *The Board of County Commissioners shall meet for the transaction of public business at their office in Ellicott City at least one day TWO DAYS each week and as much oftener as the proper discharge of their duties may require. The Executive Commissioner shall spend full time in the discharge of his duties as such.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act shall be construed or applied to affect the number, tenure, compensation, qualifications, duties, or powers of the present Board of County Commissioners of Howard County.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That the provisions of this Act concerning the number, qualifications, nomination, and election of members of the Board of County Commissioners of Howard County shall take effect under the election laws of the State and of the county in order to provide in the primary and general elections in the year 1966, for the election of a Board of five County Commissioners as provided in this Act. The provisions of this Act concerning the powers, duties, and compensation of the Board of County Commissioners shall take effect at the time the five County Commissioners elected to office in the year 1966 take the oath of office and assume their duties as County Commissioners.*

SEC. 4. *AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT BEFORE THIS ACT BECOMES EFFECTIVE IT SHALL FIRST BE SUBMITTED TO A REFERENDUM OF THE LEGALLY QUALIFIED*